The Mystery of the Missing Marigolds

It was a sunny morning in Little Nook as Rabbit crawled out of bed. 'I'm so hungry,' he thought to himself, as his tummy rumbled.

He hopped over to his log to prepare his favourite treat, marigold delight.

Oh, no! All of his marigolds were gone! He looked all around but all he could find were a few tiny petals.

"This isn't nearly enough for breakfast!" he exclaimed. "I bet one of those cheeky friends of mine has sneaked by and pinched them all for the party later – but I need to have my breakfast otherwise I'll be hungry all day!"

If Rabbit is going to stop his tummy grumbling, he'll have to find out who took his marigolds. Can you help him to solve the mystery?

Name	Size	Main Body Colour	How Many Legs?	Home
Squirrel	small	red	four	tree
Cuckoo	small	grey	two	tree
Beaver	large	brown	four	river
Fox	large	red	four	underground
Toad	small	brown	four	forest floor
Hedgehog	small	brown	four	forest floor
Hare	medium	white	four	moorland
Golden Eagle	large	brown	two	tree
Pine Marten	medium	brown	four	tree
Grouse	medium	black	two	forest floor
Boar	large	brown	four	forest floor
Bat	small	brown	two	tree
Curlew	small	brown	two	moorland
Red Deer	large	red	four	moorland
Badger	large	grey	four	underground
Otter	medium	brown	four	river

Mystery solved! The marigold thief is _____!

Lots of Legs

Clue 1

Rabbit asks Squirrel if she saw the culprit, but Otter says Squirrel never tells the truth.

Squirrel says she saw that the marigold thief has **four legs**.

Work out the calculations below and tick whether Squirrel is telling the truth or not about the answers. If there are more 'true' answers, Squirrel is telling the truth about the number of legs. If there are more 'false' answers, Squirrel is telling a fib!

	True	False
$10 \times 5 = 50$		
$60 - 15 = 25$		
$8 \div 2 = 4$		
$26 + 12 = 38$		
$5 \div 5 = 5$		
$61 + 9 = 72$		
$5 \times 9 = 45$		

Answer: The culprit has _____ legs.

Which Colour?

Clue 2

Rabbit asks his friend Vole if she can help him. "I saw a glimpse of your marigold thief running away," Vole says. "Help me with my puzzle and I'll tell you what colour the culprit is as a thank-you!"

Help Vole to complete the number patterns. Then, using the key below, colour in the numbers you have used. Arrange the coloured words to make a sentence which will tell you the colour of the culprit!

10		30	40		60

0	3		9	12	

55	60			75	

fur 50	**thief** 80	**grey** 10	**naughty** 65
red 100	**the** 6	**has** 70	**white** 45
marigold 15	**feathers** 2	**hair** 13	**brown** 20

Answer: _____

Footprints in the Mud

Clue 3

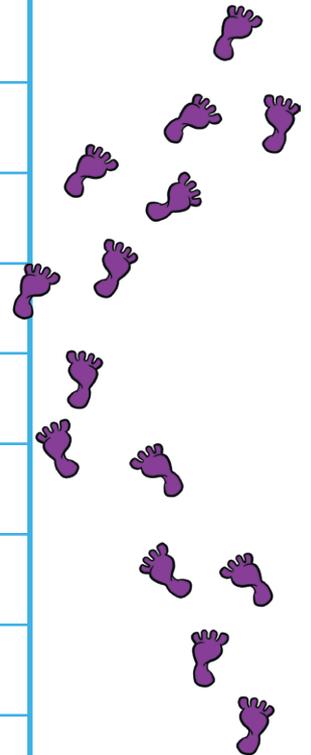Rabbit finds some footprints on the ground where his marigolds were.

A small animal's footprints are between 3cm and 6cm long.

A medium animal's footprints are between 7cm and 10cm long.

A large animal's footprints are between 11cm and 14cm long.

Rabbit measures each footprint. Look at the measurements in the table below and write whether it belongs to a small, medium or large animal. Whichever size there is more of will tell you how big the thief is!

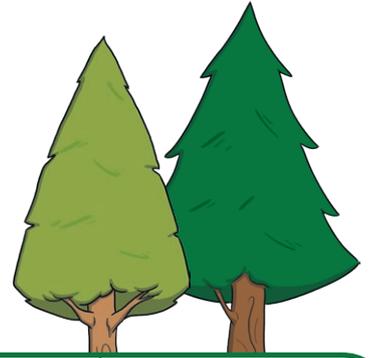| Measurement	Small, Medium or Large?
11cm	
3cm	
8cm	
4cm	
12cm	
6cm	
14cm	
13cm	
10cm	

Answer: The thief is _____.

Lost in the Woods!

Clue 4

On his way through the woods, Rabbit got lost! Help him to find his way out by colouring in the number bonds to 20. The path will lead you to the type of home the culprit lives in.

START	17 + 1	14 + 5	0 + 7	3 + 11
11 + 9	16 + 4	6 + 12	16 + 2	3 + 6
15 + 2	2 + 18	4 + 7	9 + 1	7 + 10
7 + 8	20 + 0	11 + 3	2 + 13	12 + 3
10 + 0	7 + 13	15 + 5	10 + 10	19 + 0
11 + 6	5 + 10	1 + 14	19 + 1	6 + 9
forest floor	tree	moorland	river	underground

Answer: _____

The Mystery of the Missing Marigolds **Answers**

Clue 1

	True	False
10 × 5 = 50	✓	
60 − 15 = 25		✓
8 ÷ 2 = 4	✓	
26 + 12 = 38	✓	
5 ÷ 5 = 5		✓
61 + 9 = 72		✓
5 × 9 = 45	✓	

Answer: The culprit has four legs.

Clue 2

10	**20**	30	40	**50**	60

0	3	**6**	9	12	**15**

55	60	**65**	**70**	75	**80**

Answer: The naughty marigold thief has brown fur.

Clue 3

Measurement	Small, Medium or Large?
11cm	large
3cm	small
8cm	medium
4cm	small
12cm	large
6cm	small
14cm	large
13cm	large
10cm	medium

Answer: The thief is large.

Clue 4

START	17 + 1	14 + 5	0 + 7	3 + 11
11 + 9	**16 + 4**	6 + 12	16 + 2	3 + 6
15 + 2	**2 + 18**	4 + 7	9 + 1	7 + 10
7 + 8	**20 + 0**	11 + 3	2 + 13	12 + 3
10 + 0	**7 + 13**	**15 + 5**	**10 + 10**	19 + 0
11 + 6	5 + 10	1 + 14	**19 + 1**	6 + 9
forest floor	tree	moorland	**river**	underground

Answer: river

Mystery solved! The marigold thief is Beaver!