

# Who Stole Mr McGregor's Carrots?

The day of the contest had finally arrived and Mr McGregor went into his garden to pick his prize carrot. He had been growing them for months and he knew that he would win the village vegetable competition. However, when he got to his garden, Mr McGregor found that all of his carrots had been stolen!

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out who stole Mr McGregor's carrots. You have taken down the names and descriptions of all of the people and animals in the area at the time. You have also discovered five important clues in Mr McGregor's garden.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to find out who stole the carrots before the contest is over?

**Good Luck!**



## Character Descriptions

Name	Type of Creature	Boy or Girl?	What They Eat	Favourite Snack
Benjamin Bunny	rabbit	boy	plants	lettuce
Cotton Tail	rabbit	girl	plants	blackberries
Flopsy	rabbit	girl	plants	lettuce
Mopsy	rabbit	girl	plants	bread and milk
Mr McGregor	human	boy	plants and meat	bread and milk
Mrs McGregor	human	girl	plants and meat	blackberries
Mrs Rabbit	rabbit	girl	plants	lettuce
Old Mouse	mouse	girl	plants and meat	bread and milk
Peter Rabbit	rabbit	boy	plants	lettuce
White Cat	cat	girl	meat	bread and milk

## Clue 1 Creatures Great and Small

You look around the garden and find clues which tell you whether the carrot thief is an animal or a human. Look at the contracted words in the sentences below. They all have an apostrophe to show where the missing letters should be but has the apostrophe been used correctly? If the apostrophe is in the right place, give the sentence a tick. If it is in the wrong place, give the sentence a cross.

If there are more ticks, the carrot thief is a human. If there are more crosses, the carrot thief is an animal.

Sentences	✓ or x
I don't know where the carrots are.	
Mr McGregor ca'nt find them anywhere.	
If he doesn't find them soon, it will be too late.	
The neighbour didnt' see anyone take them.	
I'ts almost time for the contest.	
He'll be cross if we can't find them in time.	
Mr McGregor wo'nt win any prizes this year.	
We haven't seen anything like this before.	
If they a'rent found soon, we may never find them.	
I wonder if theyv'e been eaten.	

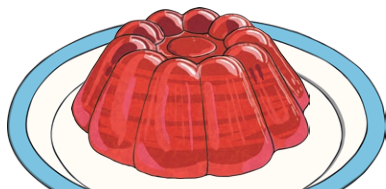


There are \_\_\_\_\_ ticks and \_\_\_\_\_ crosses.

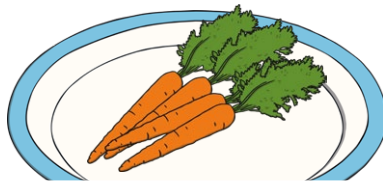
There are more \_\_\_\_\_ so the carrot thief must be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clue 2 A Tasty Clue

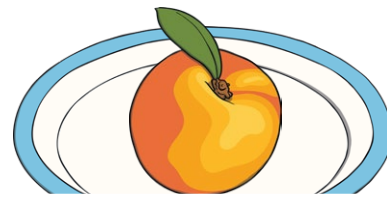
Inside Mr McGregor's shed, you find a clue about what the carrot thief eats. Look at the singular nouns below. Decide which letters are needed to turn them into plural nouns and write the plural forms in the correct boxes. The box with the most words in will show you what the carrot thief eats.



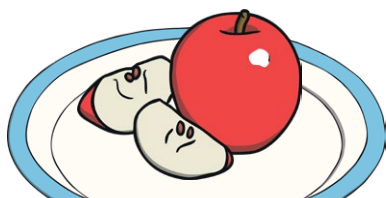
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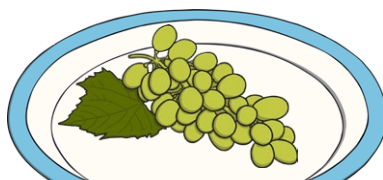
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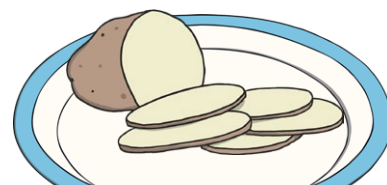
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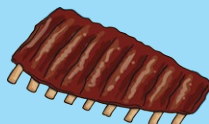
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potato



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plants



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meat

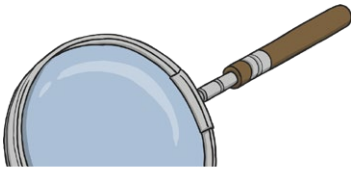


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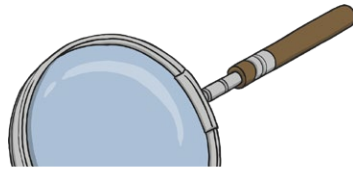
The spelling pattern with the most matching words is \_\_\_\_\_, so the carrot thief must eat \_\_\_\_\_.

### Clue 3 A Piece of Cake

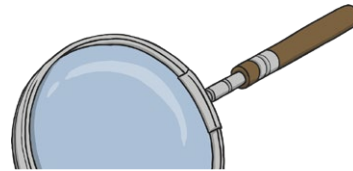
On the floor of the shed, you find the carrot thief's favourite snack. Draw a line to match the word to the correct spelling of the long e vowel sound. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The vowel sound with the most matching words will tell you the carrot thief's favourite snack.



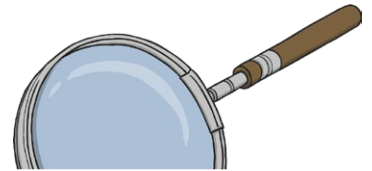
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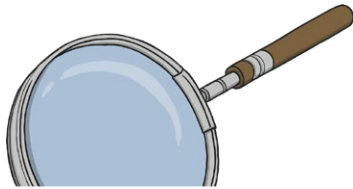
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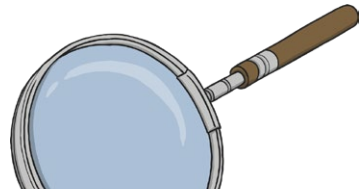
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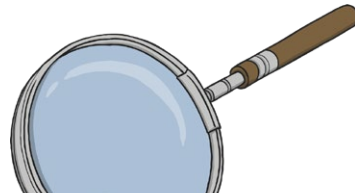
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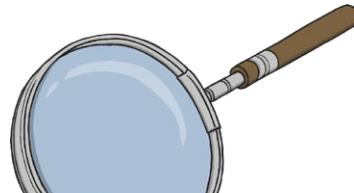
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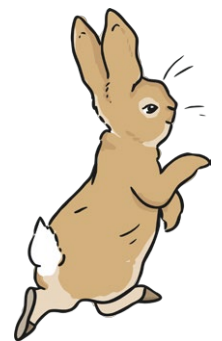
bread and milk

The vowel sound with the most matching words is \_\_\_\_\_, so the carrot thief's favourite snack must be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clue 4 The Biggest Clue

The biggest clue you have found will tell you if the carrot thief is a boy or a girl. Look at the sentences below. Each sentence contains a word which has the suffix -er or -est. Work out if the suffix has been used correctly. If it has, give the sentence a tick. If the suffix is incorrect, give the sentence a cross. If there are more ticks, the carrot thief is a boy. If there are more crosses, the carrot thief is a girl.

Sentences	✓ or x
This is the <b>biggest</b> mystery I have ever known!	
I don't think Mr McGregor has ever been <b>sadder</b> .	
The carrots they stole were the <b>nicest</b> in town.	
I chased the thief but they ran <b>fastest</b> than me.	
Mrs McGregor has never been <b>madder</b> .	
Mr McGregor has the <b>bigger</b> garden I've seen.	
I've never tried to solve a <b>harder</b> puzzle.	
I wonder if the thief was <b>smallest</b> than an ant.	
The carrot thief must have been <b>smarter</b> than me.	
Next time, Mr McGregor will be <b>older</b> and <b>wiser</b> .	



There are \_\_\_\_\_ ticks and \_\_\_\_\_ crosses.

There are more \_\_\_\_\_ so the carrot thief must be a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clue 5 Round and Round the Garden

You walk around the garden and spot the carrot thief running through the flower bed. By following the path of correctly spelt words, you will find out the first letter of the carrot thief's name and solve the mystery.

Start					
the	today	siad	evri	kiend	kighnd
twoday	said	skool	harf	clighm	clime
sed	school	scool	freind	bicoz	becos
shcool	house	friend	ask	because	climb
hows	frend	hows	asc	bicos	pretty
shure	iye	asck	eeven	pritty	money
ownli	moove	harf	muney	people	who
greight	perents	howse	farver	father	munni
larst	farst	hows	half	water	hoo
hoo	ownlee	shugar	sugar	suger	worter

A, B,  
C or D

E, F,  
G or H

I, J,  
K or L

M, N,  
O or P

Q, R,  
S or T

U, V,  
W or X

The first letter of the carrot thief's name must be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.



# Who Stole Mr McGregor's Carrots? Answer Sheet

## Clue 1: Creatures Great and Small!

Sentences	✓ or x
I don't know where the carrots are.	✓
Mr McGregor ca'nt find them anywhere.	x
If he doesn't find them soon, it will be too late.	✓
The neighbour didnt' see anyone take them.	x
I'ts almost time for the contest.	x
He'll be cross if we can't find them in time.	✓
Mr McGregor wo'nt win any prizes this year.	x
We haven't seen anything like this before.	✓
If they a'rent found soon, we may never find them.	x
I wonder if theyv'e been eaten.	x

There are **4** ticks and **6** crosses.

There are more **crosses** so the carrot thief must be **an animal**.

## Clue 2: A Tasty Clue

s	es	ies
carrots	peaches	jellies
apples	potatoes	cherries
grapes		

The spelling pattern with the most matching words is **s**, so the carrot thief must eat plants.



### Clue 3: A Piece of Cake

<b>ee</b>	<b>ea</b>	<b>ie</b>
deep	beast	chief
green	read	field
tree	dream	
	each	

The vowel sound with the most matching words is **ea**, so the carrot thief's favourite snack must be **lettuce**.

### Clue 4: The Biggest Clue

<b>Sentences</b>	<b>✓ or x</b>
This is the biggestest mystery I have ever known!	✓
I don't think Mr McGregor has ever been sadder.	✓
The carrots they stole were the nicest in town.	✓
I chased the thief but they ran fastest than me.	x
Mrs McGregor has never been madder.	✓
Mr McGregor has the bigger garden I've seen.	x
I've never tried to solve a harder puzzle.	✓
I wonder if the thief was smallest than an ant.	x
The carrot thief must have been smarter than me.	✓
Next time, Mr McGregor will be older and wiser.	✓

There are **7** ticks and **3** crosses.

There are more **ticks** so the carrot thief must be a **boy**.

## Clue 5: Round and Round the Garden

Start					
the	today	siad	evri	kiend	kighnd
twoday	said	skool	harf	clighm	clime
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hows	frend	hows	asc	bicos	pretty
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ownli	moove	harf	muney	people	who
greight	perents	howse	farver	father	munni
larst	farst	hows	half	water	hoo
hoo	ownlee	shugar	sugar	suger	worter
<b>A, B, C or D</b>	<b>E, F, G or H</b>	<b>I, J, K or L</b>	<b>M, N, O or P</b>	<b>Q, R, S or T</b>	<b>U, V, W or X</b>

The first letter of the carrot thief's name must be **M, N, O or P**.  
**The person who stole Mr McGregor's carrots must be Peter Rabbit.**