

Dear Detective

Dear Detective,

Last week, several of our penguins escaped from their enclosure. We need your help to discover how they managed it.

The only way into the enclosure is through a door which is kept locked at all times. The entire space is surrounded by a fence which is double the height that a penguin can jump. There is no way to dig under the fence either.

Despite all of this, seven penguins were able to enjoy an evening walking around the park before they were discovered by a surprised keeper.

We need help solving this mystery before they do it again.

Yours faithfully,

Z Keeper.



1. Last week, several of our penguins escaped from their enclosure.

Write down another word that means the same as 'enclosure'.

2. Who wrote this letter?

3. Describe the penguins' enclosure using 15 words or fewer.

4. Do you think that the penguins will escape again? Explain your answer.

The Mystery of the Missing Dog Biscuits

When Ms Shrew arrived home, she knew that something was wrong. Arriving in the kitchen, she saw it: the empty box of dog biscuits. Immediately, she whistled for all three of her dogs to join her.

One by one, she examined them.

Billius the beagle jumped with excitement at the sight of the empty box.

Having just woken up, Compton the cavalier looked sleepily at Ms Shrew.

Maggie the malamute sat with her tail between her legs. "Well, I think we've found our culprit," remarked Ms Shrew.

Meanwhile, out of sight, Custard the cat slept soundly with a full belly and a mouth covered in biscuit crumbs.



1. Which dog had just woken up?

2. Who ate the dog biscuits?

3. Number the boxes from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

☐

Ms Shrew thinks that she's found the culprit.

☐

Ms Shrew arrives home.

☐

Billius jumps with excitement.

☐

Ms Shrew whistles for all of the dogs.

4. Compare Billius the beagle and Compton the cavalier.

How are the dogs **different**?

Sheep Thief Behind Bars

THE FAIRY TALE TIMES

The Fairy Tale Times are pleased to report that the elusive sheep thief has been caught. For weeks, sheep have been mysteriously vanishing from the Giles' farm. Police tried surrounding the entire field one night but sheep still went missing.



Finally, Detective T Bell found the answer. She discovered that Mr B B Wolf had developed a complex network of underground tunnels. He was then able to snatch the sheep through holes disguised as mole hills.

After making this discovery, Bell immediately arrested Wolf. Since his arrest, Wolf has refused to speak to our reporters.

Thanks to the hard work of Detective Bell, our sheep are safe once more.

1. Why do you think that the police tried surrounding the whole field.

2. What do you think will happen to the sheep now?

3. Describe the character of Mr B B Wolf.

4. Why do you think that the author has included the first paragraph?
