

SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF STICKY PINES!

Mysterious things are happening in the small town of Sticky Pines.
Reported sightings of a monster and unexplained
disappearances are just the beginning.
Can you uncover the mystery and show the world the truth?

READ BETWEEN THE LINES

A secret message is hidden in this newspaper article from *The Sticky Times*.
Underline the first word of every sentence to find the clue.

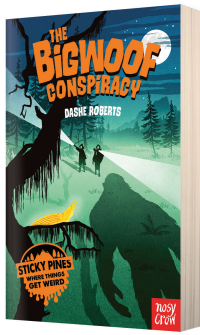
SECOND DISAPPEARANCE IN STICKY PINES

Do you have any information that could help? Not just one, but two people have gone missing from the town of Sticky Pines. Trust me, this has never happened in a small town like this before. The beloved candy-store owner, Mandy Millepoids has been reported missing, last seen bird-watching in Molasses Grove on September 1. Factory worker Alastair Chelon was the first to be reported missing on August 17. Owner of **The Sticky Times** is working with the authorities to help them in their search. He urges anyone who has information that could help to come forward. Is there something you can remember about these dates that seems strange? Hiding in our homes won't solve these mysteries. Something must be done to bring these people home.



ANSWER:



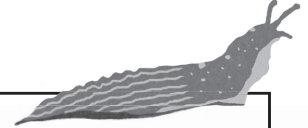


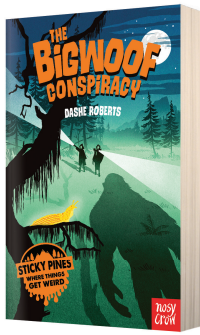
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DRAW BIGWOOF

Without a picture of Bigwoof, people don't believe that they exist!
Draw a picture of the creature based on the evidence collected below.

hunch-backed *stringy, tangled hair that hung wetly over its pot-bellied body* *wide-set black eyes*
enormous *blunt-faced* *pointy snagged teeth like those of an angler fish* *long, clawless toes*





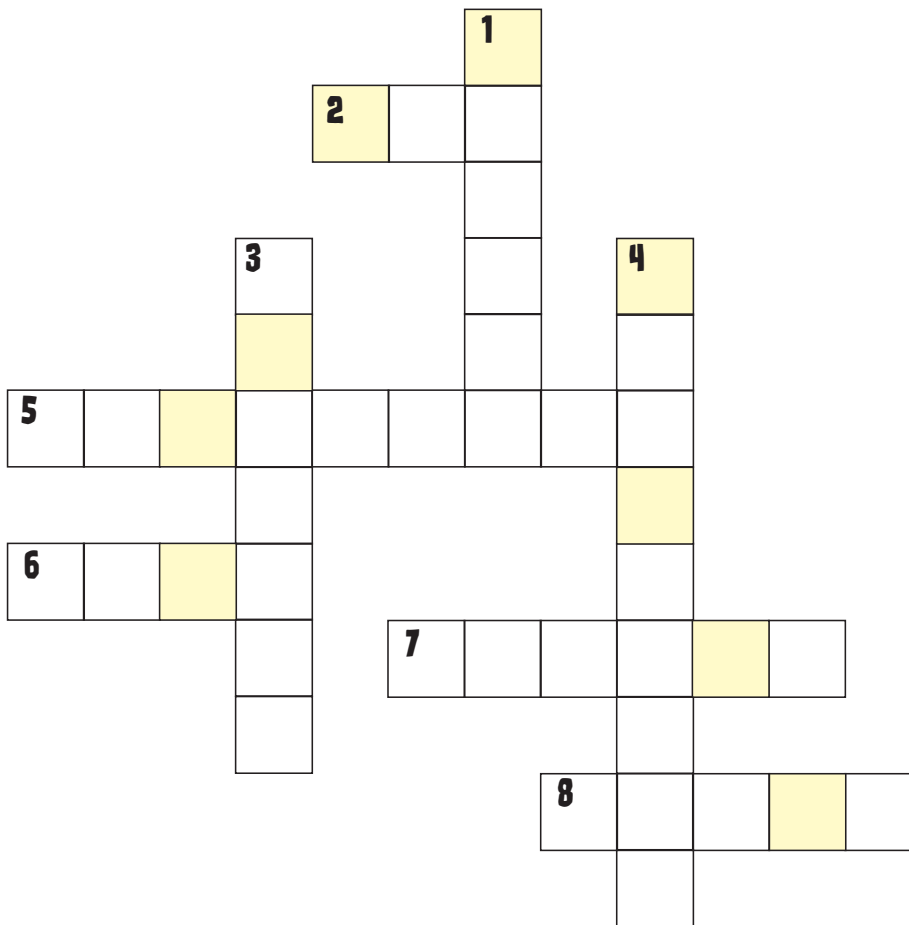
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CRACK THE CLUES

Can you crack the clues to the crossword below?
Once you have filled them all in, rearrange the letters
in the shaded boxes to reveal a bonus clue.

DOWN:

1. An item that Lucy loads with film to collect evidence
3. The place where Lucy's Dad works, manufacturing sweetener
4. Sticky Pines is famous for its tree sap, what is it used to make?



ACROSS:

2. Name of the country where the town Sticky Pines is
5. A sweet food used to cure Bigwoofs
6. The name of Lucy's new friend
7. Who does Lucy first think is abducting people from Sticky Pines?
8. Complete the slogan for Sticky Pines: 'Where things get.....'

BONUS CLUE:



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SPOT THE FALSE EVIDENCE

The cover of Sticky Pines has been shoooped! The evidence is ruined!

Can you spot the differences between the two pictures below? Which is the original image?

Hint: There are 7 differences to spot!



Answers





SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

FROM BOOK TO MOVIE

The Bigwoof Conspiracy is full of exciting and tense scenes. Imagine that it is being turned into a movie. In groups, choose a section of the book and recreate it as a movie scene. For example: the opening scene when Lucy first meets Milo.

- Think about the setting: use a few props to set the scene
- Movies usually have great soundtracks: create or find a mysterious piece of music to add to the atmosphere
- What are the characters doing and how are they feeling? Take some time to get to know your character and think about how they may act during your chosen scene
- Write a script for a five minute scene. Think about sound effects, props and what your characters might say.

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE

Lucy spends the book trying to find out what is happening in Sticky Pines. Write a newspaper article for *The Sticky Times* reporting her findings.

- What is your heading? Think of something bold to draw your reader in
- Structure your article into sections: introduce your story, report your findings in a few short paragraphs and conclude, summarising what your article was about
- Think about the language you are using: newspapers often use formal language with short sentences that make an impact

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The Bigwoof Conspiracy ends on a cliffhanger – not every mystery has been solved. What do you think might happen next in the town of Sticky Pines?

- Try to think of a few different mysteries that need solving. Where else could the story lead?
- Sit in a circle and create your own instalment of Sticky Pines – with each person taking it in turns to add the next sentence to the story.
- Don't be afraid to get creative! Remember that Sticky Pines is where things get weird . . .

