

The Case of the Missing Acorn

Read the clues. Solve the mystery.

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DATE _____

THE STORY

On Monday morning, Maple the squirrel found a little red tin beside the oak stump. Inside was the last acorn saved for the picnic. By noon, the tin was empty.

'I did not take it,' said Pip the rabbit. 'I was drawing by the pond.'

'I carried the picnic blanket past the stump,' said Moss the hedgehog. 'I heard a tiny roll, then a soft thump.'

Wren the robin landed on a branch. 'I saw something round roll under the fern. It had a little green cap.'

Maple looked beneath the fern and found the acorn tucked in the damp leaves. The tin's latch was open, and a gust of wind had pushed the acorn away. Nobody had taken it.

Maple returned the acorn to the tin, closed the latch and packed the picnic with friends.

CLUES

1. Pip was drawing beside the pond.
2. Moss heard a tiny roll, then a soft thump near the stump.
3. Wren saw a round object with a green cap roll under the fern.
4. The open latch and the acorn in the leaves point to a gust of wind.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Maple find missing from the tin? _____
2. What two sounds did Moss hear? _____
3. Where did Wren see the round object roll? _____

YOUR SOLUTION

What happened to the acorn? Use two clues to explain your answer.
