

The Case of the Missing Guinea Pig

My name is Charlie Diner. I am a fourth grade detective who solves all sorts of crimes and mysteries. I've been hired to solve a difficult case at my school. The two guinea pigs that live in our classroom have disappeared. My teacher has asked for my help in getting to the bottom of things.

FACTS

- * Friday after school, the guinea pigs were in their cage.
- * Monday morning, they were missing.
- * There is one broken window.
- * There is a trail of wood shavings out the door.

SUSPECTS

- * My teacher was the last to leave the classroom.
- * Molly Pickin wanted to take the guinea pigs home.
- * The principal never liked the guinea pigs.

When I interviewed my teacher, she claimed the pigs were still in their cage. She was leaving for a staff meeting at four. The room was a little messy, but she didn't have time to clean it before the custodian came in. Molly cried when I questioned her. She said she was allergic to the pigs and that her mom would never let her have one. My principal told me guinea pigs are dirty rodents that he wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole.

It wasn't clear to me who the guilty one was until I read over my notes. I waited at the school until 4:30, when the custodians came to clean. Mr. Rotund had the guinea pig cage with him. Turns out he took them home Friday after he cleaned. He was worried the draft from the broken window would be too cold for the pigs.

My name is Charlie Diner, Private Detective.