Professor Scruffles and the Great Leash Heist

Detective Activity Pack · Case No. 2 · Ages 6 to 9



Leashes are vanishing all over Puddle Creek! Help Dixie and the Professor crack the case.

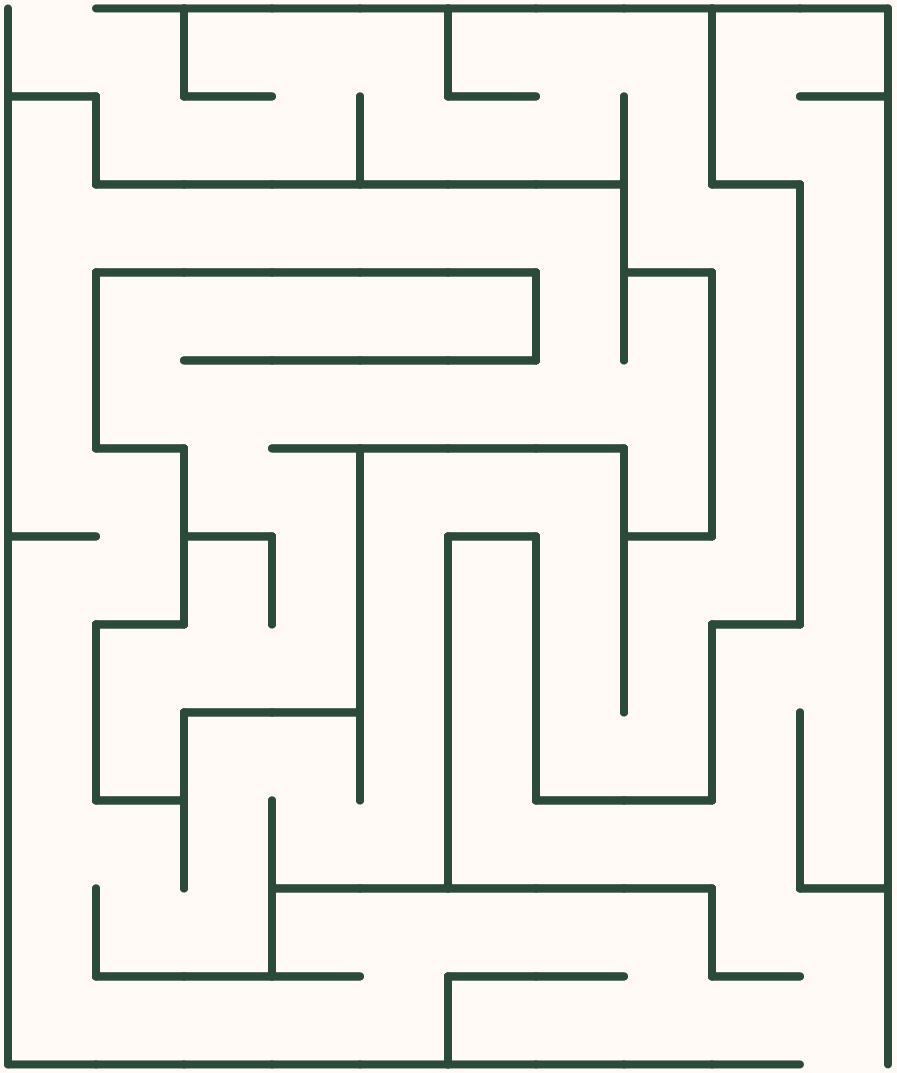
Inside: a leash maze, a word search, a town map, a suspect sheet and your own Detective Badge.

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The Leash Maze

Noodle wants a walk! Start at the top left and help him reach the leash pile at the bottom right.

START
Noodle 🐾



FINISH
Leash pile!

Detective Words Search

Find these words. They go across, down, or slanting down.

M	V	M	R	N	O	O	D	L	E	D	D
C	O	N	S	P	I	R	A	C	Y	R	P
R	R	K	B	I	S	C	U	I	T	C	E
D	O	R	G	A	N	I	Z	E	D	L	J
T	R	D	I	G	N	I	T	Y	F	S	A
H	G	S	M	E	T	A	S	K	W	C	J
E	S	M	F	M	H	T	T	S	L	W	H
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- ☐ **CLUE**
- ☐ **SUSPECTS**
- ☐ **THEORY**
- ☐ **CONSPIRACY**
- ☐ **ORGANIZED**
- ☐ **DIGNITY**
- ☐ **NOODLE**
- ☐ **LEASH**
- ☐ **BISCUIT**
- ☐ **DIXIE**

Professor Scruffles says: "A clue is a small hint. Dignity is being calm and proud, even with a crooked bow tie."

Map It Like Dixie

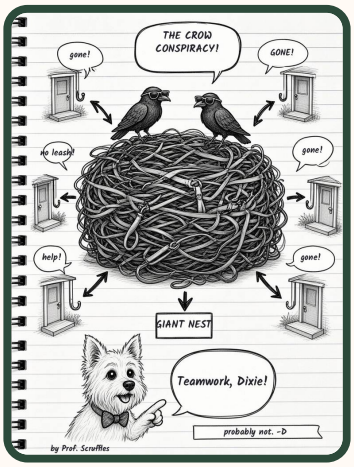
Dixie draws maps of everything. Draw your street, school, or town! Put a **red dot** everywhere you see a dog.

Ideas: houses, a park, a bakery, a creek, a big tree like Old Knuckles

Do your red dots make a shape? _____

Match the Suspect

Draw a line from each suspect to the clue that shows the truth.



1. The Crow Conspiracy (Professor's theory) ●
2. Biscuit hid his own leash (Professor's theory) ●
3. Mr. Grumbold the mailman (Professor's theory) ●
4. A kid making a giant jump rope (Dixie's guess) ●
5. Noodle, a lonely yellow Lab ●

● A. His mailbag only had letters, magazines and a jam sandwich.

● B. Big paws, yellow hair, and his house is in the middle of the red circle.

● C. Crows have skinny feet, and a leash is too heavy to fly with.

● D. A kid does not leave a giant paw print or soft tooth marks.

● E. Biscuit's whole paw fit inside one toe of the big print.

Which suspect really took the leashes? _____

Why did he do it? _____

My Case Notes

Detective name:

_____

Clue I spotted first:

_____

When I guessed it was Noodle (chapter):

_____

Professor's wrong theories I counted: ☐ ☐ ☐

Official Puddle Creek Detective

This badge is awarded to

_____

for solving **The Great Leash Heist** with a sharp eye, a kind heart, and excellent dignity.



Signed, Professor Scruffles and Dixie Moreno

Answer Key

Word Search

M	V	M	R	N	O	O	D	L	E	D	D
C	O	N	S	P	I	R	A	C	Y	R	P
R	R	K	B	I	S	C	U	I	T	C	E
D	O	R	G	A	N	I	Z	E	D	L	J
T	R	D	I	G	N	I	T	Y	F	S	A
H	G	S	M	E	T	A	S	K	W	C	J
E	S	M	F	M	H	T	T	S	L	W	H
O	V	G	H	S	U	S	P	E	C	T	S
R	L	E	A	S	H	N	H	G	S	R	M
Y	A	A	J	R	J	D	I	X	I	E	G
V	M	P	M	C	L	U	E	M	C	H	D
H	R	G	L	G	R	V	V	A	R	W	M

Match the Suspect: 1 to C, 2 to E, 3 to A, 4 to D, 5 to B.

Noodle took the leashes. A leash means a walk, and he was lonely!

Maze: every path is connected, and there is exactly one way through.

Want more? Read Book 1, *Professor Scruffles and the Blueberry Bandit*.