

### The case of the missing Hamster.

Read the two paragraphs below and decide what might happen next in the story. Underline the words or phrases that give you clues about the ending. Then write a paragraph concluding the story.

Janie came in from playtime with the rest of her class to find her teacher. Mr Holmes, looking down at his desk and frowning. Janie took her seat along with the rest of the class, watching as Mr. Holmes walked to the front of the room. Slowly, the noise and bustle of students settling in and taking books from their backpacks died down. Mr. Holmes looked out at the kids and began to speak. "What do you notice about my desk?" he asked, "Can anyone tell me what's different?". Janie looked at his desk and suddenly realised why he looked upset.

Nibbles, the class hamster, was missing from her normal spot, along with her cage and the bag of hamster food that always sat on the corner of her desk. That's when Janie remembered that she had seen Doug standing beside the door at the start of playtime seeming to wait for everyone else to file out in the yard. She glanced under Doug's desk and noticed a strangely square lump beneath his jacket. Janie hesitated and then slowly raised her hand.