



Maplewood Observation Challenge #005

The Backyard Hidden Clue Hunt

Observation Questions

(Easy Level)

1. How many bicycles can you find?
 2. Can you locate the rope swing hanging from the oak tree?
 3. How many benches are visible?
 4. Can you find the mailbox?
 5. How many lanterns can you spot?
 6. Can you find the little bridge?
 7. How many flower pots can you count?
 8. Can you find the garden shed?
 9. How many eggs can you see?
 10. Which object seems oldest?
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Hidden Clue Hunt

(Detective Level)

Find:

- A newspaper page
- A photograph
- A hidden note
- A lantern
- A bicycle
- A mailbox
- A bridge
- A rope swing

An egg

A flower pot

Bonus:

Something that does not seem to belong

Detective Questions

(Think Like Captain Harlene)

1. If someone wanted to hide a clue in this backyard, where would you look first?
 2. Which hiding place would be easiest to miss?
 3. Which object appears to have been used most recently?
 4. What do you think might be inside the mailbox?
 5. If one clue disappeared overnight, which area would you investigate first?
 6. Which object could secretly hold another clue?
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The Maplewood Mailbox Mystery

Imagine Captain Harlene discovers a mysterious envelope inside the mailbox.

The envelope contains only one sentence:

"The answer is beneath the oldest thing in the yard."

What do you think the note means?

Write your theory below:

Detective Notebook

Write down three things that seem unusual.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Why do they stand out?

Observation Challenge

(My favorite question for this image)

Look carefully at the entire backyard.

Now imagine someone hid a secret message here.

You only have one chance to search.

Where would you start?

- The oak tree
- The mailbox
- The bridge
- The shed
- The flower garden
- Somewhere else

Explain why:
