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THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING ACORNS

Barney the squirrel worked hard all autumn hiding acorns beneath the old oak tree. When winter arrived and snow covered the park, Barney scurried out to dig up his breakfast. But when he reached his favorite spot, the dirt was disturbed and the acorns were gone!

Nearby, he spotted small, webbed footprints in the snow leading straight toward the pond. Standing by the icy water was Barnaby the duck, waddling happily with a noticeably full belly. Barney sighed, shook off the snow, and headed toward the garden shed to check his backup stash.

QUESTIONS:

Main Idea: What is the main problem Barney faces in the story?

Cause & Effect: Why couldn't Barney find his acorns where he originally buried them?

Inference: How do you know Barnaby the duck took the acorns?

(List 2 clues from the story.)

Clue 1: _____

Clue 2: _____

Vocabulary in Context: What does the word disturbed mean in the story?

- A) Frozen completely solid
- B) Moved around or messed up
- C) Clean and shiny