

Who stole the map?

The characters

Teachers

Mrs Marpleton: Geography teacher; casual floral clothes

Mr Marpleton: History teacher; looks very clever and wears glasses

Three friends who want to be detectives

Martina: 14; clever; loves reading; wears glasses

Susie: 13; loves fashion; funny

Johnny: 13; loves gadgets; good with technology

Martina's family

Mrs Marsh: talkative; loves parties

Mr Marsh: friendly; an actor and a stuntman

Treasure hunters

Mr Smith: usually wears sunglasses and smart clothes; has a moustache

Mrs Smith: usually wears sunglasses and a dress; very sophisticated

Other characters

Narrators: two boys and two girls

Mr and Mrs Marsh's friends: two or more boys and girls

Police officers: two or more boys and girls

Friends' rap

Martina: I love reading and I'm smart.

Susie: I make costumes for a spy.

Johnny: I make apps to solve crimes.

All: We are detectives in disguise!

Narrator 2: It's Mrs Marsh's birthday next Saturday. They are talking about her party.

Martina: Mum, who have you invited to your birthday party?

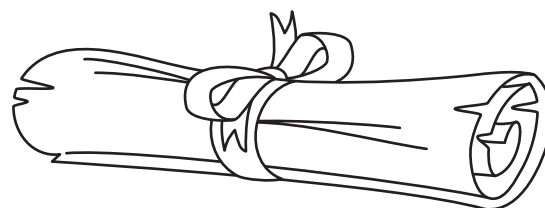
Mrs Marsh: Let me see. Well, your uncle and aunt, ... the Jones family and ... our new neighbours, Mr and Mrs Smith. Oh! *[She's just had an idea.]* Susie and Johnny, have you got any plans for next Saturday evening? Would you like to come to the party?

Martina: Please, come!

Susie: Thank you, Mrs Marsh.

Johnny: That sounds good to me.

Mrs Marsh: Good! Now, please, excuse me but I have to finish cooking dinner! *[Mrs Marsh walks out.]*



Scene 1

[The Marsh family and Susie and Johnny are in the Marsh's living room. Martina, Susie and Johnny are playing a computer game. We can see it's exciting! Mrs Marsh is showing Mr Marsh a book.]

Narrator 1: Hello, everyone. Welcome to our play.

Narrator 2: Let's meet the Marsh family! They are at home. It's Sunday evening. Mrs Marsh is a journalist and Mr Marsh is an actor and a stuntman!

Mr and Mrs Marsh: Hello, everyone! *[Mr and Mrs Marsh wave to the audience.]*

Narrator 3: Now let's meet their daughter, Martina. She's 14. She likes reading and she's clever.

Martina: Hello there! *[Martina waves to the audience.]*

Narrator 4: These are Martina's friends, Susie and Johnny. They're both thirteen. Susie loves fashion. Johnny is very good with technology and he likes gadgets!

Susie and Johnny: Hi!

Narrator 1: Martina, Susie and Johnny are good at solving mysteries and they all want to be detectives!

Martina: *[whispering]* Dad! What shall we get Mum for her birthday?

Mr Marsh: I've already got her a nice present. Look at this! *[He gets a big old map out of a drawer.]*

Johnny: What's that, Mr Marsh?

Mr Marsh: It's a map of our town! It's very, very old.

Martina: Where did you buy it?

Mr Marsh: I bought it from a shop which sells old books and maps in the town centre. Mr Heart, the owner, thinks the map has a secret.

Martina: What kind of secret?

Mr Marsh: We don't know. It's a mystery!

Susie: How exciting!

Martina: Mum likes old books and maps. She'll love it. Hey, Dad, can I take it to school to show my new Geography teacher, Mrs Marpleton?

Mr Marsh: Yes, you can, but you mustn't show it to Mum. And be careful! *[He gives Martina the map.]*

Martina: Thanks, Dad!

Susie: We must go. It's your dinner time.

Johnny: See you at school tomorrow, Martina!

All: Bye bye!

[All the characters leave.]

Scene 2

[In a classroom at school]

Narrator 3: Martina, Susie and Johnny are at school. It's the morning break.

Susie: Martina, can I ask your advice? What should I wear at your mum's party?

Martina: What about wearing your cool black top and your leggings? And your boots of course!

Susie: That's a good idea.

Johnny: What about me? Do I have to wear smart clothes?

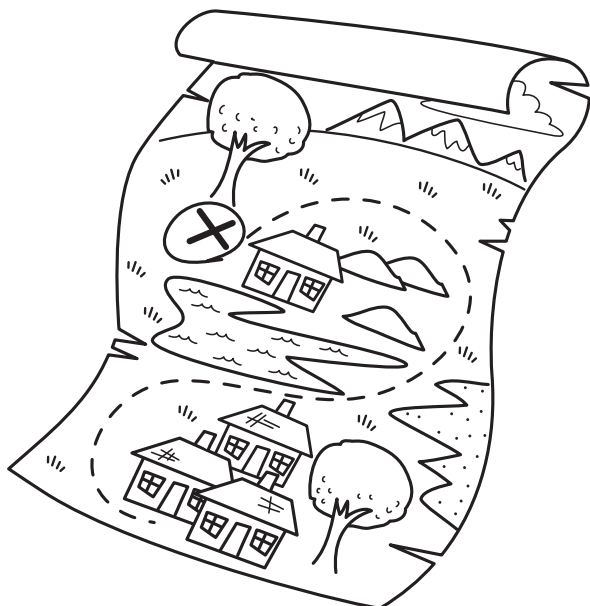
Martina: No, don't worry. But you shouldn't wear your old trainers.

Susie: What about your mum's present? Have you shown Mrs Marpleton the map yet?

Martina: No, not yet. It's in my bag.

Johnny: Look! There's Mrs Marpleton!

[Mrs Marpleton walks in. She's carrying a bag and a lot of books. She puts the books on a desk.]



Mrs Marpleton: Good morning! How are you today?

Martina: We're fine, thanks. Mrs Marpleton, look at this!

[Martina gets the map out of her bag and gives it to Mrs Marpleton. Mrs Marpleton studies it very carefully.]

Mrs Marpleton: Martina, where did you get this? It's made of very old paper.

Martina: It's my mum's birthday present. Dad bought it from Mr Heart's book shop.

Johnny: Mr Heart thinks it has a secret. But what?

Mrs Marpleton: A very good question, Johnny. Can I take a photo and print it to show Mr Marpleton? He's a History teacher so he loves mysteries like this!

Martina: Of course. Here you are. *[Mrs Marpleton takes a photo of the map with her smartphone and gives the map back to Martina.]*

Mrs Marpleton: Thank you, Martina. Now, let's start our lesson!

Scene 3

[The Marsh's house. The Marsh family and their guests are in the living room. There's a birthday cake on the table with some clean plates and knives.]

Narrator 4: It's Saturday evening. Mrs Marsh's birthday party has started! Mr and Mrs Smith have just arrived.

Martina: Hi, Mr and Mrs Smith!

Mr and Mrs Smith: Hello, Martina!

Martina: These are my friends, Susie and Johnny.

Susie: Hi.

Johnny: Nice to meet you.

Mr and Mrs Smith: Nice to meet you too! *[They shake hands.]*

Mrs Marsh: Martina, can you offer Mr and Mrs Smith some cake? They haven't got any yet.

Martina: Sure. *[Martina cuts a piece of cake and takes it to Mr and Mrs Smith.]* Here you are!

Mr Marsh: *[He claps his hands so people stop talking.]* Firstly, thank you for coming today! Let's sing 'Happy birthday' to my wife, Grace! *[Everyone sings. Then Mr Marsh gives Mrs Marsh the map, which is now wrapped in birthday paper.]* Here's your present, my dear!

Mrs Marsh: *[She opens the present, holds up the map and looks very excited.]* It's an old map of our town! It's very interesting. Thank you!

Mr Smith: Can we see?

Mrs Marsh: Of course. Here you are! *[Mrs Marsh gives it to the Smiths. They are looking at it very carefully and look very excited. Then Mrs Smith gives the map back to Mrs Marsh. She puts it in a drawer.]*

Mr Smith: *[whispering to Mrs Smith]* It's the treasure map!

Mrs Marsh: It's a lovely sunny day so let's go into the garden.

Narrator 1: Everyone enjoys the party. Finally, the guests leave. Mr and Mrs Marsh, Martina, Johnny and Susie are in the living room.

Mrs Marsh: What a lovely party. I really enjoyed it. Thank you everyone.

Mr Marsh: Do you like your map?

Mrs Marsh: I love it. Let's have another look at it.

[Mrs Marsh goes over to the drawer and opens it. The map isn't there!]

Mrs Marsh: Kids, have you got the map?

Martina, Johnny and Susie: No, we haven't.

Mr Marsh: Someone's taken it!

Martina: Dad, you mean someone has stolen it!

Johnny: But who? All the guests were in the garden with us most of the time. *[pauses]* I know! Just a minute.

[Johnny takes a photo of the drawer.]

Mrs Marsh: What are you doing?

Johnny: My phone has a cool app. I can take a photo and see fingerprints!

Susie: Don't worry, Mr and Mrs Marsh. We'll find the thieves.

Friends' rap

Martina: Who has stolen my mum's map?
Susie: I know we're going to get it back!
Johnny: We look like teens, but we're spies!
All: We are detectives in disguise!

Scene 4

[Martina, Johnny and Susie, dressed in black in the Marsh's garden.]

Johnny: I'm sure the Marpletons are the thieves. Did you see the way Mrs Marpleton looked at the map?
Martina: But they have a copy, so why steal it?
Johnny: True.
Susie: What do you think of your new neighbours Martina?
Martina: What? The Smiths? They seem nice.
Susie: But think about their clothes! They're weird.
Johnny: Look! There are the Marpletons. Hide!

[Johnny, Susie and Martina hide behind a tree. The Marpletons stop in front of the Marsh's garden, carrying their bags. Mrs Marpleton is holding a copy of the map. They are both looking at it.]

Susie: *[whispering]* They've got the map!
Martina: It's only a copy. But maybe they know the map's secret.
Johnny: *[whispering]* Martina, they're going to ...
Martina: ... my house!
Susie: Are your parents in?
Martina: No, they aren't. They're at work. *[pauses]* The Marpletons are going into my garden!
Johnny: We must stop them now. *[speaking loudly]* STOP!

[The three teenagers come out from their hiding places.]

Martina: Why are you in my garden?
Mrs Marpleton: Listen, you three. We know the map's secret. We are helping the police find two treasure thieves. We think they are your neighbours!

Susie, Johnny and Martina: The Smiths!

Mr Marpleton: Clever kids.

Mrs Marpleton: The treasure is in your garden! Quick! Hide everyone. The Smiths are coming. They know the secret too!

[They all hide. Mr and Mrs Smith arrive in the garden. Mrs Smith is looking at the map.]

Mrs Smith: The map says the treasure is ... here!

Mr Smith: What? Under the tree?

Mrs Smith: Yes! Let's get it!

[They dig a hole and find the treasure, two beautiful vases in an old box. They take out the vases and hold them up.]

Mrs Smith: We can sell them on the Internet!

Mr Smith: We'll be rich!

[The Marpletons and the teenagers come out from their hiding places]

Mr Marpleton: No, you won't!

Mrs Marpleton: You'll be in prison!

Martina: We are all witnesses.

Johnny: And I've got your fingerprints!

Susie: I've called the police.

[The police officers arrive. The Smiths try to run, but the officers catch them. Next, Mr and Mrs Marsh arrive too.]



Mrs Marsh: Hello, everyone. What beautiful vases! ... What's happening?

Mr Marsh: Why are you all in our garden?

Martina: It's a long story, Mum!

Police officer 1: Your neighbours, the Smiths, are treasure thieves.

Mr Marpleton: The treasure was in your garden! Your map helped us find it and catch the thieves!

Susie: The treasure is these beautiful vases!

Mrs Marpleton: They were painted by a famous artist many years ago.

Johnny: I think we should give them to the town museum.

Mrs Marsh: That's a great idea! Let's celebrate it. There's some birthday cake and we have lots of drinks. Please, come in!

Police officer 2: Thank you but we must take these two to the police station. They're very dangerous!

[The police officers leave with the Smiths, who are trying to escape. They don't look happy.]

Final rap

All: The mystery was solved.
 The police were called.
 The thieves were caught.
 The treasure was found.
 It's party time,
 Let's have some fun!