

DETECTIVE NEWS

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Detective Badger and moving into kinship care



Moving into a new home with kin

Detective Badger needs help from the children. It's not safe for Detective Badger to live with his parents, so he is moving into kinship care.

Badger has a lot of questions about moving into a new home, and he needs the child detectives to help answer them.

This time, Badger decides to contact the children using the computer and makes a video call.



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Detective Badger's exciting video call

THE VIDEO CALL FEELS A LITTLE SCARY.

Badger presses the keys and small squares pop up on the screen. The video call is about to start! Just as the children are about to answer Detective Badger's call, Badger gets cold feet. He ducks to hide behind a pillow at the last second!

WHERE IS BADGER? Six child detectives have answered Badger's call. But now Badger is nowhere to be seen. The instructors sitting on the sofa tell the children that Badger got nervous and hid. Can the children help find Badger? The children have sharp eyes and soon they spot Badger, who peeks shyly from behind the pillow.

HOW CAN THE CHILDREN HELP BADGER? Badger whispers in an instructor's ear that he needs the children's detective skills to help him with a problem. The children promise to become detectives and help Badger.



What's your detective name?

Handy helpers and the detective pass!



Detective Badger has mailed all the detective equipment needed for today's tasks to the children. The package contains a magnificent magnifying glass, a Badger t-shirt, craft supplies, snacks and, of course, a detective pass! The children write their detective names and their important roles and skills on their passes. Pens fly across the paper as the detectives get to work.



How to feel better if you get nervous, scared or sad?

DETECTIVE BADGER IS

NERVOUS. He is so nervous he can hardly speak. What can you do when that happens, Badger asks. The children give Badger advice.

- You can whisper in an adult's ear and the adult can say it out loud.

Great tip!

- Or you could write it down if you can write.

What if you're feeling worried or sad?

- Your favorite toys you cuddle or sleep with can help. Happy things and friends.

Also having a pet you could take care of and stroke could be nice, the children suggest.

Badger agrees.

I'm so glad I asked for help instead of being alone, Badger thinks.



Let's build a helping machine!

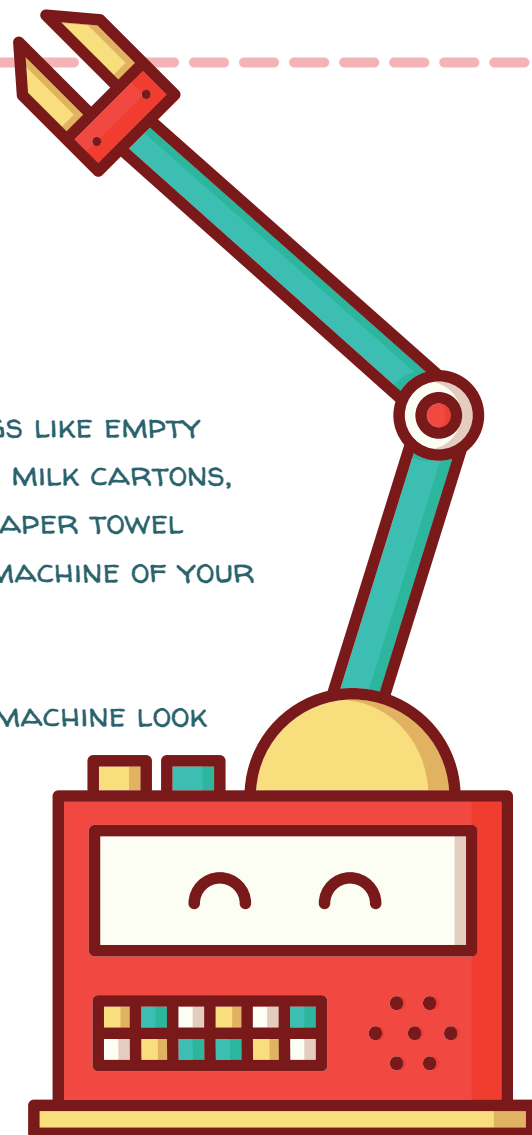
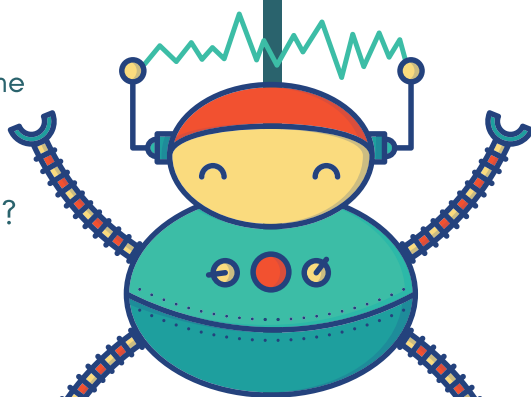
THE HELPFUL HELPING MACHINE.

Detective Badger wants the children to build a helping machine to make sure Badger feels at home with his kin. The children get to work right away building their machines.

What features should the machine have?
How does the machine work? How does it help?

YOU CAN USE THINGS LIKE EMPTY CARDBOARD BOXES, MILK CARTONS, CARDBOARD AND PAPER TOWEL ROLLS TO BUILD A MACHINE OF YOUR OWN!

WHAT DOES YOUR MACHINE LOOK LIKE?



Helping machines

The children built amazing helping machines for Detective Badger. Badger is overjoyed!



- THESE THINGS HERE WILL MAKE BADGER HAPPY. THERE ARE ALSO FRIENDS TO PLAY WITH IN THE MACHINE.
- THE MACHINE WILL HELP BECAUSE THEY ARE HIS FRIENDS SO IF HE GETS SAD THE MACHINE CAN HELP.
- THE MACHINES ARE GOOD HELPERS.
- THERE'S FUN STUFF TO DO IN THE MACHINE.



- IF HE GOES IN HERE WHEN HE'S COLD HE CAN WARM UP.
- THE BALLS MAKE IT WARM INSIDE.
- THERE ARE PICTURES INSIDE. THE PICTURES ARE CUTE AND THEY MAKE BADGER HAPPY. THE PICTURES ARE PETS.
- IF BADGER HAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IMPORTANT PARENTS AND THEN HE HAS TO MOVE AWAY, THEN OF COURSE HE FEELS SAD. BADGER NEEDS HAPPINESS.



- WHEN HE LOOKS INSIDE THIS MACHINE HE BECOMES HAPPY.
- AND THIS FISH IS, WHEN YOU PRESS THIS, IT WORKS.
- WHENEVER BADGER FORGETS THIS SOMEWHERE, IT USES THESE FEELERS TO COME BACK HERE.
- BADGER HAS A BUTTON AND THEN THE MACHINE COMES.
- THE MACHINE CAN NEVER GO MISSING.
- IF HE CAN'T FIND, IF HE GOES SOMEWHERE, LIKE A SHOP, AND HE CAN'T FIND ANYBODY, THEN IF HE HAS THIS MACHINE WITH HIM, THIS MACHINE MAKES HIM HAPPY.

- THIS MACHINE IS HOME WITH A DOOR AND A DECORATED ROOF SO THE RAIN DOESN'T GET INSIDE.
- IT'S A SAFE AND GOOD PLACE TO BE.
- HERE'S A SMILEY FACE SO IT'S FUN TO LIVE THERE AND THERE ARE FRIENDS IN THERE.
- THERE'S ALSO A CHIMNEY. YOU COULD COOK SAUSAGES IN THERE.
- THERE'S FUN COLOURS IN THE MACHINE.
- IT'S COSY.
- YOUR OWN COMFY CLOTHES ARE IN THERE



Badger has a lot of questions

Badger has a lot of questions to kids. The detective kids have a lot of knowledge and wise answers:



Badger has been told that he is moving into kinship care. But hang on a second!

What does kin mean, Badger asks.

The children explain:

- Kin can be relatives
- It means you can move in with someone like, for example, your aunt.
- Kin can also mean family friends. Badger could come live with one of us.

Children have the right to live in a safe place, Badger knows this well.

But what is a safe place like, Badger asks.

- It's warm
- There's food, food is important
- And water
- There's light
- There could be pancakes
- A bed of your own

Who might also live in that safe place together with Badger?

- Siblings, sister or brother or cousins.
- Maybe a pet. A dog or a cat.

And what could help Badger get used to his new home?

The children give it some thought and answer:

- Maybe if there was someone he could play with there.
- If there was a safe adult.

How can Badger tell if someone is a safe adult?

- They're kind
- And nice
- Grandma



Thank you, detectives!

The detectives assembled for the first time over a video connection to help Badger. Badger had a fun and happy day and got a lot of help.

Talking over the video connection was a little scary at first, but the children had a tip for that as well: You can whisper. And then an adult can say it out loud.

Many thanks to the excellent Detectives and their friends! Let's talk again soon!



BADGER TV
DETECTIVE BADGER HAS
HIS OWN YOUTUBE
CHANNEL!