



INSTRUCTIONS

Here's some ideas and printables you can use to make your Teddy Bear detective hunt - You should read through it and decide what bits you want to use - your house will be different to mine, so make it fit for you - really this is probably just inspiration, but use how you want.

I've included some printables to help you on the way.

The Story

Detective Headquarters has an emergency.

Inspector Buttons, the world's most famous teddy detective, has disappeared just before the birthday celebration.

All that's been left behind are:

- one mysterious paw print
- a crumpled map
- a half-eaten honey sandwich
- a note saying...

"I'm not in danger..."

But you'll have to solve every clue if you want to find me.

Detective work is never easy!

— Inspector Buttons"

The children must work together to solve ten clues and discover where Inspector Buttons is hiding.

Optional Red Herrings (to make it even more fun)

Scatter a few silly "suspects" around the house. Each has an alibi that gently teaches children to eliminate possibilities:



Rubber Duck: "I was in the bath all morning!"



Toy Dinosaur: "My tiny arms couldn't carry a teddy!"



Bunny: "I was busy eating carrots."



Cat Plush: "I only chase string."



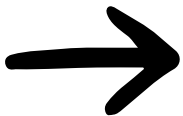
Monkey: "I did borrow a banana, but not a teddy!"

These little diversions add laughs without making the mystery too difficult.



Clue 1

The Crime Scene Read
aloud:



*Hide paper paw prints
leading to...*

*Location: Front door or
hallway*

Clue 1

Detectives!
Teddy has vanished!
Look carefully...
Someone has left behind
giant bear footprints.
Follow them to begin
your investigation.

Clue 2

The Honey Thief
Children discover a jar labelled:
Honey Evidence
Inside:

Next location:

Kitchen cupboard

Evidence item:

*Plastic spoon with "honey" (gold
paint) on it.*

Clue 2

Bears LOVE honey.
Someone has been
snacking.
Look where your family
keeps sweet things.

Clue 3

The Teddy Witness
In the cupboard sits another
teddy.
Around its neck:
I saw Inspector Buttons!
He wasn't scared.
He was laughing!
*He headed somewhere soft and
comfy.*
Next location:
Sofa

Clue 3

I saw Inspector
Buttons!
He wasn't scared.
He was laughing!
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soft and comfy.



Clue 4

Strange Footprints

Under a sofa cushion is another clue.

Oh dear...

The footprints stop here.

But detectives know to LOOK UP.

Children search higher.

Next clue taped underneath a shelf.

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Clue 5

Secret Message Envelope says:

TOP SECRET

Inside is a blank sheet.

The hidden message appears:

Where books sleep,
another clue is waiting.

Next location

Bookcase

(For an easier version, write in white crayon and let the children colour over it with a coloured pencil to reveal the message.)

Clue 5

Where books
sleep,
another clue is
waiting.

Clue 6

Detective Puzzle

Inside a favourite book is an envelope.

It contains six puzzle pieces.
When assembled they show a picture of:



Picnic basket

Children now search for the picnic basket.

Clue 7

The Picnic Clue

Inside the basket:

Half a teddy sandwich.

A napkin saying:

Inspector Buttons stopped for lunch.

Smart detectives know where hungry people wash their sticky paws!

Next location

Bathroom sink.



Clue 7

Inspector Buttons
stopped for lunch.
Smart detectives know
where hungry people
wash their sticky paws!

Clue 8

Fingerprint Evidence

At the sink:

A sheet covered in fingerprints.

Parents tell the children:

"Can you find the only fingerprint
with a little heart?"

On the back:

Excellent detective work!

Someone heard giggling coming
from the garden...

(or patio/back door if indoors)

Clue 8

"Can you find the only
fingerprint with a little
heart?"

Clue 9

The Final Map

Hidden outside.

Envelope contains a treasure
map.

Draw:



Tree



Flower bed



Rock



X marks the spot

The X leads to...

Clue 10

The Big Reveal

Hidden behind a bush (or
indoors if it's raining).

Inspector Buttons!

Around Teddy's neck:

Congratulations Detectives!

You solved every clue!

I wasn't kidnapped.

I planned a surprise birthday
picnic because I wanted to
celebrate with all my detective
friends.

Thank you for finding me.

Now it's time for cake!









TEDDY BEAR FINGERPRINTS★

CAN YOU FIND THE ONLY FINGERPRINT WITH A LITTLE HEART?



FIND THE HEART AND COLLECT YOUR NEXT CLUE!



This certifies that

has successfully solved



The Case of the Missing Teddy 

and is now a fully qualified

TEDDY DETECTIVE



Date: _____

Signed: _____



Chief Inspector Buttons

