

Read the story carefully. Then answer the questions using clues from the text.

Clara's Garden Mystery: What Happened?

Clara loved her small patch of garden. She had spent weeks planting tiny seeds and watering them every morning. This morning, she raced outside, excited to see if her first sunflower sprout had pushed through the soil. But when she reached her garden, her smile vanished.



The neat rows were gone. Dirt was scattered everywhere, and small holes poked the ground. Her little green sprouts were either pulled up or buried under loose soil. A few tiny paw prints, like miniature stars, were pressed into the soft earth near the fence. Clara knelt down, her brow furrowed.

She followed the trail of prints to the back of the yard, where the fence had a small gap. Beyond the gap, she saw a flash of bushy, reddish-brown fur disappearing into the bushes. A half-eaten carrot, clearly from her garden, lay near the opening. Clara sighed, picking up the carrot. Her sunflower sprouts might not grow now.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) **Based on the passage, what can you conclude about Clara's feelings when she saw her garden?**
- (A) She was angry that someone ruined her plants.
 - (B) She felt disappointed and worried about her plants.
 - (C) She was happy to see the animal's paw prints.



D She didn't care much about her garden.

(2) What does the passage suggest about how the garden was damaged?

A A storm had blown through the night before.

B Another child had accidentally dug it up.

C An animal had dug in the garden looking for food.

D Clara herself had forgotten where she planted things.

(3) The author mentions the 'tiny paw prints, like miniature stars' most likely to show that...

A Clara wished she could see stars in her garden.

B the animal that dug up the garden was small.

C the animal had a magical ability to fly.

D Clara was trying to find a hidden treasure.

(4) Which statement is NOT well-supported by evidence from the passage?

A Clara had worked hard to plant her garden.

B The animal that dug up the garden was a rabbit or a similar creature.

C Clara immediately knew what kind of animal had visited her garden.

D There was a way for an animal to get into Clara's yard.

(5) What clues in the passage helped you infer that Clara cared a lot about her garden? Use details from the passage.



