

# HORNSWOGGLED!

## A Wacky Words Whodunit

### Activity Guide

Deer wakes up to find one of his antlers is missing . . . and there's a tennis racket in its place? One by one his friends also uncover that their important items from glasses to lucky boots have been swapped with silly, useless replacements like donuts and swim flippers. They've been hornswoggled! (Hornswoggled means tricked.) It's pure poppycock! (Poppycock means nonsense.)

Once they gather together to find out what happened, will they find the true thief or be outfoxed? Laugh along with a hilarious cast of animal characters searching for the mysterious trickster in this humorous whodunit bursting with exciting, wacky words that kids will love.

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**Josh Crute** was hiking on a mossy mountain when he peeked into the wrong rock cleft and discovered a doorway to another dimension. He hasn't been seen since, but manuscripts postmarked from the hills of Alabama arrive periodically on his publishers' doorsteps. He is the author of several picture books including *Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth* and *Jonas Hanway's Scurrilous, Scandalous, Shockingly Sensational Umbrella*. His next book *Hornswoggled!* hits stores in November.

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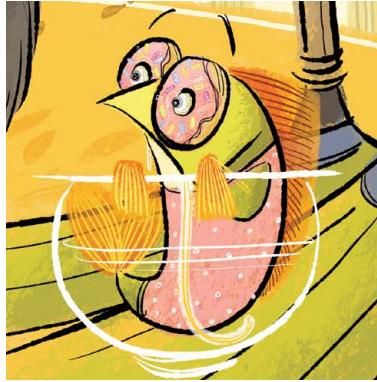


# ANIMAL NAMES

Can you name the animals in this story?



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# WORD SEARCH

Circle words in the puzzle below.



Snooker

Outwit

Outfox

Skunk

Glasses

Boots

Hogwash

Deer

Catfish





# DRAW IT!

Draw the animals' missing items.

Catfish is missing glasses

Deer is missing an antler

Bison is missing boots

The mayor is missing a speech

# WORD MEANINGS

Circle the box with each correct meaning.  
You can always use the book for help!

Hornswoggle	To Trick	To Play
Codswallop	Somsense	Nonsense
Buffalo	To Explain	To Puzzle or Confuse
Poppycock	Nonsense	Has Sense

**Humbug**

**Deceptive**

**Honest**

**Snake Oil**

**Of Little Real  
Worth or Value**

**Of High Value**

**Horsefeathers**

**True**

**Foolish or Untrue**

**Hogwash**

**Nonsense**

**Has Sense**

**Skunk**

**To be Honest**

**To Cheat**

**Hoodwink**

**To Trick**

**To Treat**

**Snooker**

**To Trap**

**To Release**

**Bamboozle**

**To Cheat**

**To Give**

**Outwit**

**To Help**

**To Outsmart**

**Outfox**

**To Help  
Someone Play  
a Game**

**To Beat  
Someone  
at Their  
Own Game**

# WRITING EXERCISE

Write a story using some of the words below.

Poppycock

Detective

Thinking Cap

Deer

Skunked

Snooker

Buffaloed

Glasses

Fox



