





flowers and blossoming trees, of animals surfacing from hibernation and insects beginning to emerge. Nature comes back to life and our friend Tom is happy. One morning, he decides to go for a walk to observe nature in spring.

Spring has sprung! It's a season of revitalisation and renewal, of blooming

[What colour are Tom's boots?]

Armed with his magnifying glass, his trusty backpack and his sketchbook, Tom takes a closer look at some flowers.

He draws them in his sketchbook, adding some notes about their size, their colour and the location where he has found them. He is hard at work under the expert eye of Mrs Bee and her friends, the blue butterfly and the ladybird.

[How many yellow flowers do you see? / How many spots does the ladybird have?]



Suddenly, Tom is interrupted by a white rabbit, crying. Tom is very surprised to see a rabbit cry. It's not something he has ever seen before!

[Have you ever seen a rabbit? What about a crying rabbit?]



The rabbit, whose name is Basil, explains that he has lost his basket full of chocolate eggs!

He was supposed to give them out to the children in the village. It's a disaster!

Tom, seeing Basil so helpless, offers to help him find the basket and his chocolate eggs.



So Tom and Basil the white rabbit set off to hunt for the eggs and the basket. Aha! The eggs are hidden in the bushes. The new friends are all smiles, and begin to gather them up.

Looking for them together is definitely more fun!

[Have you noticed that the eggs are beautifully decorated?]



They even spot some eggs in the trees, but getting to them is tricky! Tom puts Basil on his shoulders so he can reach the eggs high up! Tom's backpack is starting to overflow with eggs; they need to find a way to carry them.

Tom's mouth waters at the thought of tucking into all those eggs!

[Do you like chocolate?]







Hold on, what's this?! It's the basket! Tom wonders where it could have been?! Anyway, it's certainly good timing because his backpack is getting very heavy and full up. Basil, the rabbit, is delighted to finally find his basket!



Our friends decide to share the beautiful chocolate eggs between Tom's backpack and Basil's basket because there are too many of them. One for Tom, one for Basil, two for Tom, two for Basil, three for Tom, three for Basil, and so on and so forth...

[What comes after three? Can you count with me?]



Basil explains to Tom that the eggs will make people happy. They will also make a fantastic surprise gift for Tom's family. Tom can't wait to go home, even though he's sad to be leaving his new friend. But they will meet again!



Tom and Basil the white rabbit bid each other farewell after their amazing adventure collecting the decorated eggs. «Goodbye Basil! » «Goodbye Tom, get home safely! « Basil said.



Tom sets off home. «La, la, la, la, la. » He is very cheerful, since he is taking home some lovely sketches and a nice surprise in his backpack. «Yum Yum Yum. They're going to be deeeeelicious...» He sees his house at the end of the road.



His parents have been waiting impatiently for him to hear all about his day and everything he has found.

Imagine their surprise when they saw the magnificent eggs on the table! Isn't it funny how everyone has a smile on their face?! I think it might be because they all have a sweet tooth!

[What do you think?]

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