



GIVE IT A LISTEN!





Story Season 4, Episode 7 Undercover Birthday/



What's This Activity About?

Design an invention to stop squirrels from stealing our delicious human food!

What Stuff Do I Need?

Paper and something to write with, AND/OR invention making supplies (whatever you have around the house)!



In the story "The Pancake Heist" by a kid from Pennsylvania named Fiona, Sean the Squirrel and his friends stage an epic heist to try to steal some pancakes that are cooling on a window sill. The couple that cooked up the pancakes has a squirrel-proof bird feeder, squirrel-proof gutters, and even a squirrel proof window sill, but it's no match for the squirrels!





This actually happens in real life! Squirrels are super smart animals, and they're very good at getting food, even when humans try to stop them. That's why we want kids to come up with their own ideas to squirrel-proof delicious food, so we humans will get to eat it! Here's what you need to do:

Step One:

Think about a place where food could be stored. It could be a window sill, like in the story, or a kitchen cabinet, or a refrigerator, or a cooler, or anywhere else you might keep food.

Step Two:

Create an invention to keep squirrels away from the food! Make the invention as weird as you want! You can draw a picture of it, or you can even build a prototype out of materials in your home.

Step Three:

Create a "pitch," explaining why your invention would work. Basically, think about what you would say if you made a commercial for your squirrel proofing invention. How does it work? Why should everyone get one? Does the invention have a cool name and/or theme song??

Grownups can take pictures and send them to us on social media! We can't wait to see what you come up with!



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