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## The Mystery of the Missing Ice Cream Cones

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Possible explanations for the disappearing ice cream cones could include mischievous animals or a misunderstanding by the squirrels, who might have thought the cones were treasures.
2. The young detectives showed kindness and cooperation by offering the squirrels nuts and seeds instead of scaring them away or being mean. This was important because it helped resolve the situation peacefully.
3. Answers will vary.
4. The townspeople likely felt relieved, happy, and grateful when they realized the young detectives had solved the mystery. They cheered for them and the squirrels because they appreciated their efforts in returning the missing ice cream cones and bringing joy back to Sweetville.

