

The Mystery of the Egg and Spoon Swindler

KS2 children from Clearlake Primary School had gathered on the school field for the most exciting event of the year: Sports Day. They had put on their team stickers and stretched their muscles ready for the challenges ahead of them. However, when Mr Butler opened the bags of equipment, he noticed a huge problem: the equipment for the egg and spoon race had been tampered with! The spoons had been replaced by forks and the eggs had been swapped for spaghetti!

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out which participant swapped the equipment. You have taken down the names and descriptions of 20 children who helped to set up the Sports Day equipment. There are also five important clues that have been discovered on the school field.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and return the correct equipment before Sports Day is over?

Good luck!



Sports Day Participant Descriptions

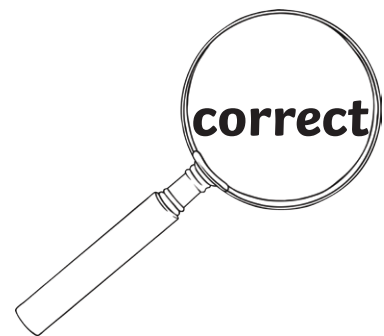
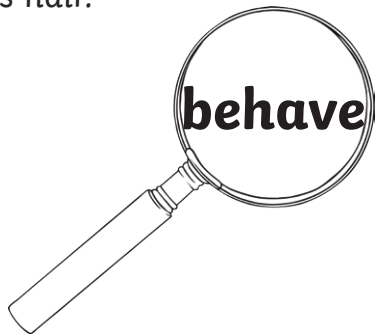
Child's Name	Year Group	Hair Colour	Team Name	Shoe Size	Healthy Snack
Bobby Bates	5	brown	Bright Sparks	6	carrot sticks
Bradley Page	6	ginger	Flying Arrows	7	frozen grapes
Britney O'Connor	3	blonde	Brave Knights	1	apple slices
Chelsea Ford	4	brown	Bright Sparks	5	banana bites
Clarence Good	5	brown	Flying Arrows	6	carrot sticks
Clayton Stokes	4	black	Flying Arrows	4	apple slices
Curtis Mosley	6	black	Brave Knights	5	frozen grapes
Danielle Wise	6	brown	Flying Arrows	7	carrot sticks
Emmanuel Norton	3	black	Brave Knights	3	banana bites
Evan Riggs	4	blonde	Bright Sparks	4	apple slices
Hattie Turner	5	blonde	Brave Knights	6	banana bites
Helen Fletcher	6	brown	Bright Sparks	7	carrot sticks
Lily Pope	3	blonde	Bright Sparks	4	frozen grapes
Lola Hammond	5	brown	Flying Arrows	7	frozen grapes
Matthew Harding	6	ginger	Brave Knights	5	banana bites
Mikayla Craft	4	blonde	Bright Sparks	3	apple slices
Nelson Bradshaw	3	black	Flying Arrows	4	banana bites
Rachel Clark	5	brown	Flying Arrows	6	apple slices
Rosie Dixon	6	brown	Brave Knights	7	carrot sticks
Russell Reese	3	brown	Bright Sparks	2	banana bites

The egg and spoon swindler must be _____.

Clue 1

A Hairy Situation

As the first person on the scene, you find an important piece of evidence. Tangled in the spaghetti is a long strand of hair. It must belong to the swindler! Look at the root words below. Decide which prefix is needed to give the root word the opposite meaning and draw a line to match them up. The prefix with the most matching root words will show the colour of the culprit's hair.



dis- ginger hair	mis- blonde hair	in- brown hair	im- black hair
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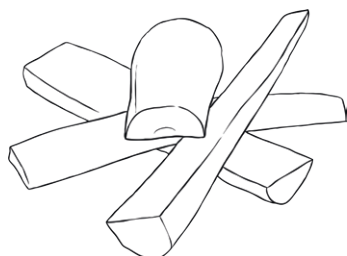
The prefix with the most matching root words is _____
so the colour of the egg and spoon swindler's hair must be _____.

Clue 2

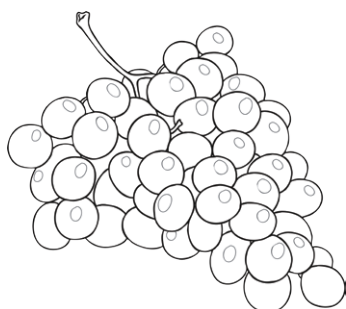
A Tasty Clue

On the floor around Mr Butler's equipment bag are some crumbs. They must have been left there by the swindler whilst they ate their favourite healthy snack. Read the sentences below. Decide which word ending is needed to correctly complete the words. The word ending that is used the most will show you the swindler's favourite snack.

Sentence	-tion	-sion	-ssion	-cian
We need to take ac_____ against the culprit!				
Can we ask for an exten_____ of Sports Day?				
We'll need a magi_____ to find the equipment in time!				
The culprit should be arrested without hesita_____.				
The ten_____ in the air is unbelievable.				
Do we have permi_____ to search people's bags?				
There should be an inven_____ to stop this happening!				
I hope the culprit gives a full confe_____.				
Should we contact our local politi_____ about this?				
I hope it is solved before Sports Day's comple_____.				



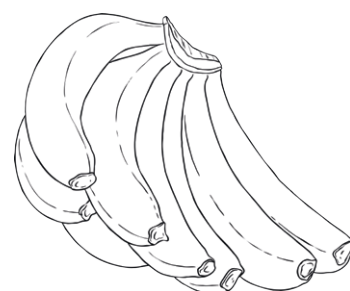
If **-tion** is missing most, the swindler snacks on **carrot sticks**.



If **-sion** is missing most, the swindler snacks on **frozen grapes**.



If **-ssion** is missing most, the swindler snacks on **apple slices**.



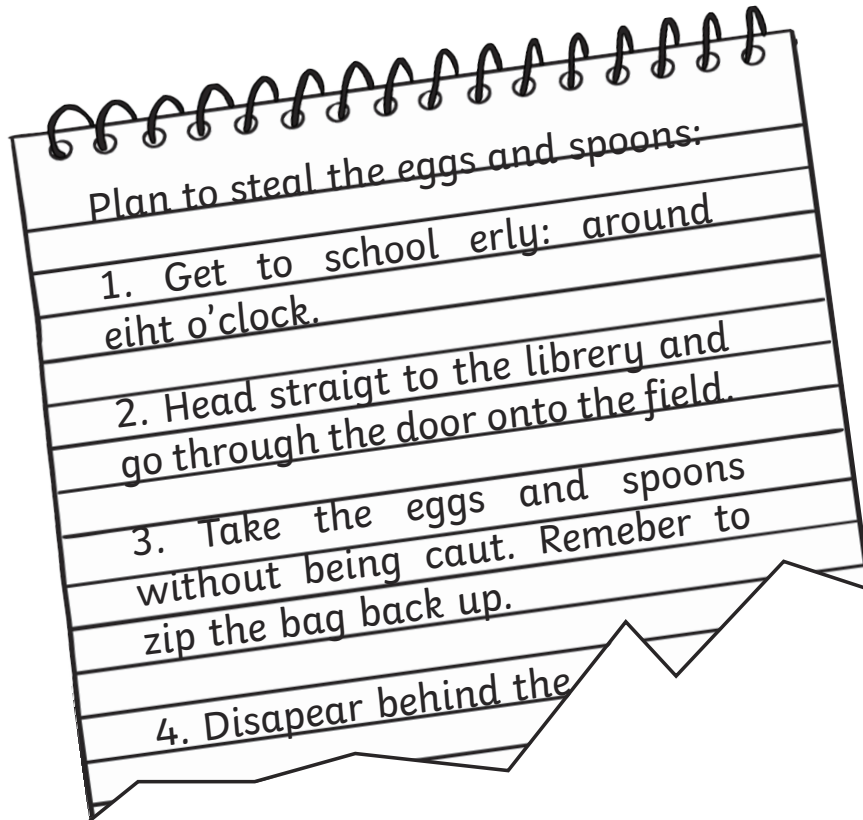
If **-cian** is missing most, the swindler snacks on **banana bites**.

The word ending which is used most is _____
so the egg and spoon swindler's favourite snack must be _____.

Clue 3

Putting Their Foot in It

Inside Mr Butler's equipment bag, you find a handwritten set of instructions. They must be written by the culprit because they explain their entire cunning plan in detail! Circle the words which are spelt incorrectly and write the correct spellings below. The total number of words spelt incorrectly is the same as the swindler's shoe size.



There were _____ spelling mistakes in the note so that must be the egg and spoon swindler's shoe size.

Clue 4

Years and Years

You get an anonymous tip-off from a reliable witness: they know which year group the culprit is in! To reveal the answer, follow the path of adverbs. Don't let those sneaky word endings fool you...

Start				
completely	apply	costly	heavenly	oily
cheerfully	foolishly	lately	safely	apply
silly	jolly	orderly	gently	supply
gladly	defiantly	anxiously	cautiously	tally
frantically	belly	lonely	lovely	pearly
cruelly	usually	merrily	bubbly	curly
chilly	cuddly	thoughtlessly	friendly	ghastly
dragonfly	lily	totally	very	fly
multiply	motherly	wobbly	daily	afterwards
ugly	lowly	mayfly	squiggly	again
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

The egg and spoon swindler must be in Year _____ .

Clue 5

May the Best Team Win

Beneath Mr Butler's bag of equipment, you find the sticker which must have fallen off the culprit's shirt. It tells you which Sports Day team they were supposed to be on. To discover the name of the team, you must solve this puzzle. Each of these sentences has one piece of punctuation missing. Add the missing punctuation from the options below. The most common piece of missing punctuation will tell you the name of the egg and spoon swindler's team.

I cant believe Sports Day has been ruined.

The headteacher asked us all, "Do you know who it was?"

The culprit took the eggs spoons and some stickers from the bag.

Who went in Mr Butlers bag?

The Flying Arrows Bright Sparks and Brave Knights will be appalled.

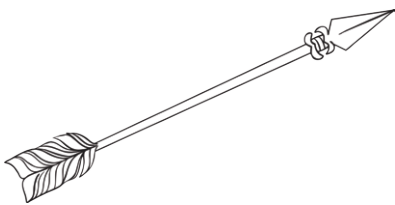
Who would do this? asked Mr Butler, despairingly.

Im sure that we will find out who did this.

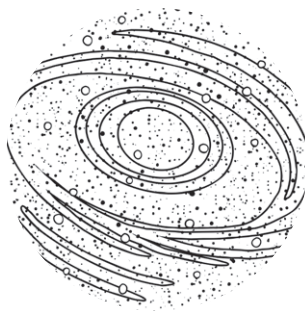
Only children in Years 3, 4 5 and 6 were on the field today.

I'll find the culprit, boasted the headteacher.

Just wait until the swindlers teacher finds out.



If **inverted commas** are missing most, the swindler is in **Flying Arrows**.



If an **apostrophe** is missing most, the swindler is in **Bright Sparks**.



If a **comma** is missing most, the swindler is in **Brave Knights**.

The most common piece of missing punctuation is _____
so the egg and spoon swindler must be in _____.