

The Mystery of the Missing Christmas Presents

A serious crime has been committed in Santa's storage shed. On Christmas Eve, the magic present sack was stored away and ready for delivery. When Santa went in to add the final gifts, he found that the presents were missing!

As the detective chief inspector, it is your job to find out who has stolen the presents. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 elves who were in the workshop around the time of the theft. There are also five important clues that have been discovered.

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 find the present thief in time for Christmas?

Good luck!



The Elf Descriptions

Elf Name	Male or Female?	Shoe Shape	Hat Colour	Glasses	Hair Colour
Angel	Female	Pointy	Red	Yes	Ginger
Bubble	Male	Curly	Red	Yes	Brown
Christy	Male	Pointy	Red	No	Black
Cookie	Female	Curly	Yellow	No	Blonde
Dazzle	Male	Pointy	Red	No	Brown
Delight	Female	Pointy	Yellow	Yes	Black
Elfina	Female	Straight	Green	Yes	Blonde
Elfis	Male	Pointy	Red	Yes	Ginger
Fizz	Male	Pointy	Yellow	Yes	Ginger
Glitter	Female	Straight	Green	No	Blonde
Glow	Male	Curly	Yellow	No	Black
Holly	Female	Pointy	Red	Yes	Brown
Ivy	Female	Pointy	Green	No	Blonde
Jolly	Male	Straight	Red	Yes	Brown
Joy	Female	Curly	Green	No	Blonde
Kris	Male	Straight	Green	Yes	Ginger
Lulu	Female	Pointy	Red	No	Blonde
Merry	Female	Straight	Yellow	Yes	Blonde
Noel	Male	Pointy	Yellow	Yes	Brown
Poinsettia	Female	Pointy	Green	No	Ginger
Pompom	Male	Straight	Red	No	Black

The Elf Descriptions

Elf Name	Male or Female?	Shoe Shape	Hat Colour	Glasses	Hair Colour
Rudy	Male	Straight	Green	No	Ginger
Sparkle	Male	Pointy	Red	Yes	Black
Snowflake	Female	Curly	Green	No	Black
Sugarplum	Female	Pointy	Yellow	No	Brown
Tinsel	Male	Straight	Yellow	No	Brown
Tiny	Male	Pointy	Red	No	Black
Topper	Male	Curly	Yellow	Yes	Ginger
Winter	Female	Curly	Red	Yes	Blonde
Yule	Male	Curly	Green	Yes	Black

The present thief was _____.



Clue 1

Christmas Chaos

These word families have all been jumbled up in the Christmas chaos. Can you put them in the correct places? When you have, the biggest family will reveal the shape of the culprit's shoes.

telegraph

adventure

venture

spectator

event

inspect

photograph

graphic

ventilate

respect

biography

spectacles

perspective

'Spect'
family



'Graph'
family



'Vent'
family



The family with the most words is the _____ family, so the culprit's shoes are _____.

Clue 2

Noel Nouns

Each of these words can be changed into a noun with the addition of a prefix. Choose the correct prefix for each word. When you have matched all of the words, the prefix with the most words will tell you the colour of the culprit's hat.

graph

biography

freeze

biotics

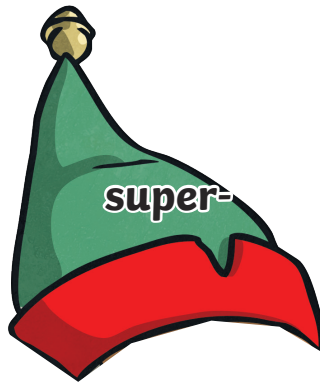
nova

septic

star

hero

dote



The prefix with the most words is _____, so the culprit's hat is _____.

Clue 3

Seasonal Speech

The elves have been writing about this year's Christmas performance. They have tried to include speech, but have they written the speech correctly? Mark each sentence with a cross if they have not written the speech correctly and a tick if they have.

If there are more crosses, then the culprit wears glasses. If there are more ticks, the culprit does not wear glasses.

	✓ or x
"Welcome to our Christmas play," said Elfina.	
"we are going to sing lots of Christmas carols," said Noel.	
Glitter declared, "I am going to read a poem.	
Merry sang, We wish you a happy Christmas.	
Lulu joyfully said, "Happy Christmas one and all."	
"Will you join in with our final song? asked Holly."	
Let's all be grateful for the gifts we've received, said Ivy.	
Yule confidently said, "Thank you for coming. Have a safe journey home."	

There were _____ crosses and _____ ticks. There were more _____ so the culprit wears / does not wear glasses.

Clue 4

Disastrous Descriptions

The elves have been writing descriptions of the various presents that they have seen this year. Unfortunately, they have been struggling with apostrophes and only one of the descriptions has the apostrophe used correctly. Find which one it is, and reveal the culprit's hair colour.

	✓ or x
The rocking horses black mane was long and silky.	
This dolly's ginger hair is so soft that everyone will enjoy styling it.	
The fairys' long, blonde hair can be brushed again and again.	
The new teddy bear, who has brown fur, will amaze all children with it's ability to copy words and actions.	

The colour mentioned in the sentence with the correct use of an apostrophe is _____, so the culprit has _____ hair.



Clue 5

It's Still A Mystery!

Decide whether 'a' or 'an' should be used before each of the following words. If you use 'a' more, then the culprit is female but if you use 'an' more, the culprit is male.

_____ present



_____ angel



_____ stocking



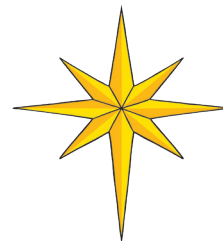
_____ tree



_____ elf



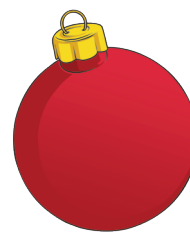
_____ star



_____ reindeer



_____ bauble



_____ sleigh



_____ icicle



I used a / an most frequently so the culprit is _____.

The present thief was _____.