

The Mystery of the Mother's Day Chocolate Chomper

It's the day before Mother's Day and a tragedy has happened: all of the Mother's Day chocolates in the sweet shop have bite marks in them! How will anyone be able to thank their mums for all the wonderful things they do without any chocolates to give to them?

As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out who has been chomping the chocolate. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 customers who came into the sweet shop earlier today.

There are also five top-secret clues that have been left. To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names.

Good luck!



Customer Descriptions

Name	Male or Female	Favourite Sweets	Shoes	Present Bought	Age
Angel	F	Chocolates	Trainers	Chocolates	15
Anise	F	Jelly sweets	Smart shoes	Flowers	26
Apple	M	Bubble gum	Trainers	Candle	34
Candy	F	Jelly sweets	Trainers	Sweets	13
Cane	M	Hard sweets	Trainers	Sweets	18
Cherry	F	Chocolates	Smart shoes	Flowers	23
Chip	M	Jelly sweets	Trainers	Candle	41
Cinnamon	M	Bubble gum	Trainers	Chocolates	19
Cookie	F	Chocolates	Trainers	Sweets	36
Coco	F	Bubble gum	Trainers	Candle	16
Dulcie	F	Chocolates	Smart shoes	Sweets	35
Honey	F	Jelly sweets	Trainers	Flowers	17
Huckleberry	M	Hard sweets	Smart shoes	Flowers	25
Jack	M	Hard sweets	Smart shoes	Chocolates	22
Joy	F	Jelly sweets	Smart shoes	Sweets	11
Jordan	M	Hard sweets	Smart shoes	Sweets	31
Kit	M	Chocolates	Trainers	Candle	15
Lolly	F	Chocolates	Smart shoes	Sweets	27
Maple	F	Bubble gum	Trainers	Flowers	13
Napoleon	M	Hard sweets	Trainers	Chocolates	24
Peach	F	Hard sweets	Smart shoes	Chocolates	20
Pez	M	Bubble gum	Trainers	Candle	25
Rainbow	F	Bubble gum	Smart shoes	Flowers	19
Reese	M	Jelly sweets	Trainers	Candle	20
Rocky	M	Chocolates	Trainers	Sweets	36
Ruth	F	Jelly sweets	Smart shoes	Sweets	16
Star	F	Bubble gum	Smart shoes	Chocolates	15
Sugar	F	Chocolates	Smart shoes	Chocolates	14
Sweetie	F	Jelly sweets	Smart shoes	Sweets	26
Vienna	F	Jelly sweets	Smart shoes	Sweets	32

Clue 1

Chocolate Comma Chaos

These are some of the statements that the culprits gave to the police. Somehow they have ended up with splodges of chocolate on them! Check whether the chocolate has covered any commas or not. Give them a tick if the commas in the sentence are correct and a cross if the commas have been hidden by chocolate.

If there are more ticks, then the culprit is male. If there are more crosses, then the culprit is female.

Statement	✓ or X
Clutching onto his shopping bags, the man shuffled into the crowded shop.	
Outside the shop, the dog was barking.	
“The boy,” said the shopkeeper, “must not touch the chocolates.”	
Walking into the shop, I was hit by the scrumptious aroma of warm chocolate.	
As I waited for my chocolates, I noticed a chocolate footprint on the floor.	
“Let’s leave,” my brother called through the crowd.	



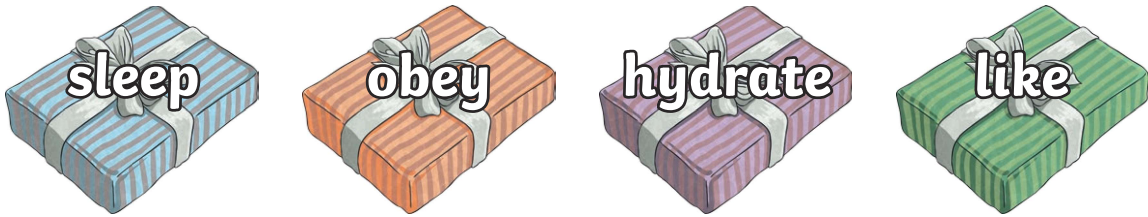
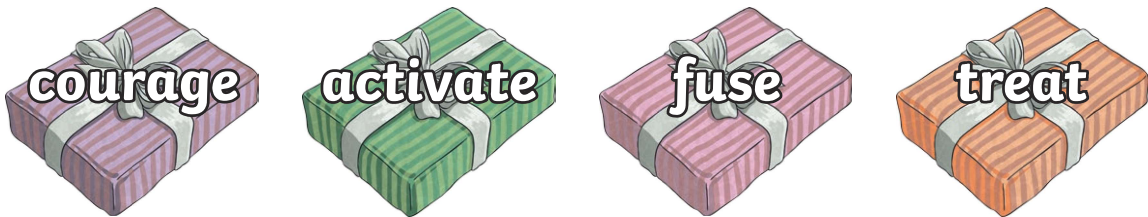
There are more _____ so the culprit is _____.

Clue 2

Prefix Presents

Match the words below to the correct prefix to make a verb.

The prefix with the most words will reveal the present that the culprit bought for their mother this Mother's Day.



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The prefix with the most words is _____ so the culprit bought their mother _____.

Clue 3

Sweet Synonyms

Match the ambitious synonyms to the words below. The word with the most synonyms will reveal the culprit's favourite sweets.

gummy

sugary

gobble

flavoursome

mouth-watering

delectable

appetising

gloopy

munch

consume

chomp

delicious



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The word with the most synonyms is _____, so the

culprit's favourite sweet is _____.

Clue 4

Is it Possible?

These statements given to the police all indicate degrees of possibility, but do they use **adverbs** or **modal** verbs? If there are more adverbs, then the culprit is 20 years old or younger. If there are more modal verbs then the culprit is over 20 years old.

Statement	Adverb or Modal Verb?
I certainly think my mother deserves the gift I have bought her.	
My mother obviously liked the gift I bought for her: it was a bouquet of her favourite flowers.	
I will eat the chocolates before Mother's Day!	
If I'm quick, I might be able to find another shop that's open so I can buy my mother a gift.	
As I left the shop, I saw a young child with chocolate around his mouth: maybe he was the one who ate the chocolates.	
To make up for no gift, I definitely have to take my mother out for a nice meal.	



There are more adverbs/modal verbs, so the culprit is _____.

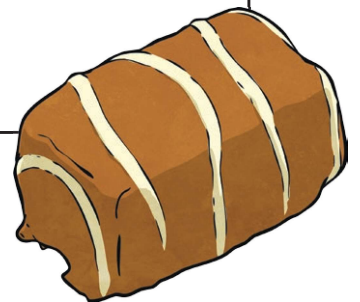
Clue 5

Formal or Informal Footprints?

Decide whether each word or phrase uses vocabulary typical of formal or informal writing and write it in the correct place. Whichever shoe has the most words or phrases will tell you the type of shoe print that was discovered in the sweet shop.



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The culprit wore _____.

The culprit is _____.

Clue 1: Chocolate Comma Chaos

Statement	✓ or X
Clutching onto his shopping bags, the man shuffled into the crowded shop.	X
Outside the shop, the dog was barking.	✓
"The boy," said the shopkeeper, "must not touch the chocolates."	X
Walking into the shop, I was hit by the scrumptious aroma of warm chocolate.	✓
As I waited for my chocolates, I noticed a chocolate footprint on the floor.	X
"Let's leave," my brother called through the crowd.	X

Answer to clue 1: There are more **crosses** so the culprit is **female**.

Clue 2: Prefix Presents

mis-	dis-	over-	re-
judged	appoint	ride	align
treat	courage	sleep	consider
	obey		activate
	like		fuse
			hydrate

Answer to clue 2: The prefix with the most words is **re-** so the culprit bought their mother **sweets**.

Clue 3: Sweet Synonyms

sweet	tasty	eat	sticky
sugary	delicious	consume	gummy
	flavoursome	gobble	gloopy
	mouth-watering	chomp	
	delectable	munch	
	appetising		

Answer to clue 3: The word with the most synonyms is **tasty**, so the culprit's favourite sweet is **jelly sweets**.

Clue 4: Is it Possible?

Statement	Adverb or Modal Verb?
I certainly think my mother deserves the gift I have bought her.	adverb
My mother obviously liked the gift I bought for her: it was a bouquet of her favourite flowers.	adverb
I will eat the chocolates before Mother's Day!	modal verb
If I'm quick, I might be able to find another shop that's open so I can buy my mother a gift.	modal verb
As I left the shop, I saw a young child with chocolate around his mouth: maybe he was the one who ate the chocolates.	adverb
To make up for no gift, I definitely have to take my mother out for a nice meal.	adverb

Answer to clue 4: There are more **adverbs**, so the culprit is **20 years old or younger**.

Clue 5: Formal or Informal Footprints?

Formal	Informal
request	leave out
discover	ask for
enter	find out
sufficient	enough
	job

Answer to clue 5: The culprit wore **trainers**.

The culprit was **Candy**.