

The Mystery ^{of} _{the} Pilfered Pot of Gold

It's the day before St. Patrick's Day and a catastrophe has occurred. The pot of gold from the parade float has gone missing! Someone has not only taken the gold (chocolate) coins, but the pot that they were in too! They need to be found so that the celebrations can continue with a bit of Irish luck.

As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out where the pot of gold (chocolate) coins has gone. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 children who were preparing for the parade.

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!



The Children's Descriptions

Child's Name	Male or Female	Favourite Colour	Parade Costume	Transport	Age
Abban	M	Green	Leprechaun	Bike	15
Aileen	F	Orange	Irish flag	Scooter	8
Aisling	F	White	Leprechaun	Walking	13
Alina	F	Orange	Leprechaun	Scooter	13
Berkeley	M	Green	Rainbow	Bike	10
Brighid	F	White	Leprechaun	Walking	8
Cacey	M	Green	Irish flag	Scooter	14
Caitlin	F	Orange	Leprechaun	Walking	7
Codi	F	Green	Irish flag	Bike	14
Damon	M	White	Rainbow	Bike	7
Darcey	F	Orange	Rainbow	Scooter	14
Dermot	M	Green	Irish flag	Walking	16
Eileen	F	White	Rainbow	Bike	9
Eion	M	White	Rainbow	Scooter	8
Ewen	M	Green	Irish flag	Scooter	8
Farrell	M	White	Rainbow	Walking	9
Gail	F	Orange	Irish flag	Walking	12
Kyle	M	Green	Irish flag	Walking	12
Maude	F	White	Rainbow	Walking	10
Niall	M	Green	Leprechaun	Scooter	9
Noreen	F	Orange	Leprechaun	Scooter	9
Patrick	M	White	Irish flag	Walking	17
Roisin	F	Green	Leprechaun	Bike	13
Shannon	F	Orange	Rainbow	Walking	12
Sullivan	M	White	Irish flag	Bike	8
Taryn	F	Orange	Irish flag	Scooter	11
Terence	M	White	Rainbow	Bike	7
Toran	M	Orange	Rainbow	Bike	15
Tyrone	M	Green	Irish flag	Bike	9
Zaira	F	Orange	Leprechaun	Scooter	16

The culprit was _____.

Clue 1: Parenthesis Problems

These are some of the statements that the culprits gave to the police. They all have parenthesis but has it been punctuated correctly? Give them a tick if they are correct and a cross if they are incorrect.

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

Statement	or X
The pot of gold – well, actually chocolate – was next to the float.	
I can't eat chocolate I'm allergic to it so it definitely wasn't me who took the pot.	
If the pot – with the coins in doesn't turn up, the parade will be ruined.	
I heard Patrick (a boy in my sister's class) laughing about the missing coins.	
When we were preparing for the parade – we were making costumes, I noticed that Maude had chocolate around her mouth.	
Terence wasn't happy about his costume (he has a rainbow to wear – and said he didn't want the parade to take place.	

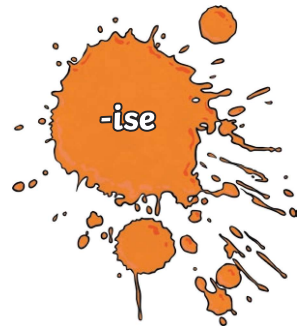
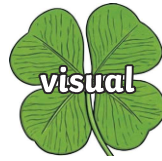


There are more _____ so the culprit is _____.

Clue 2: Shamrock Suffixes

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

The suffix with the most words will reveal the culprit's favourite colour.

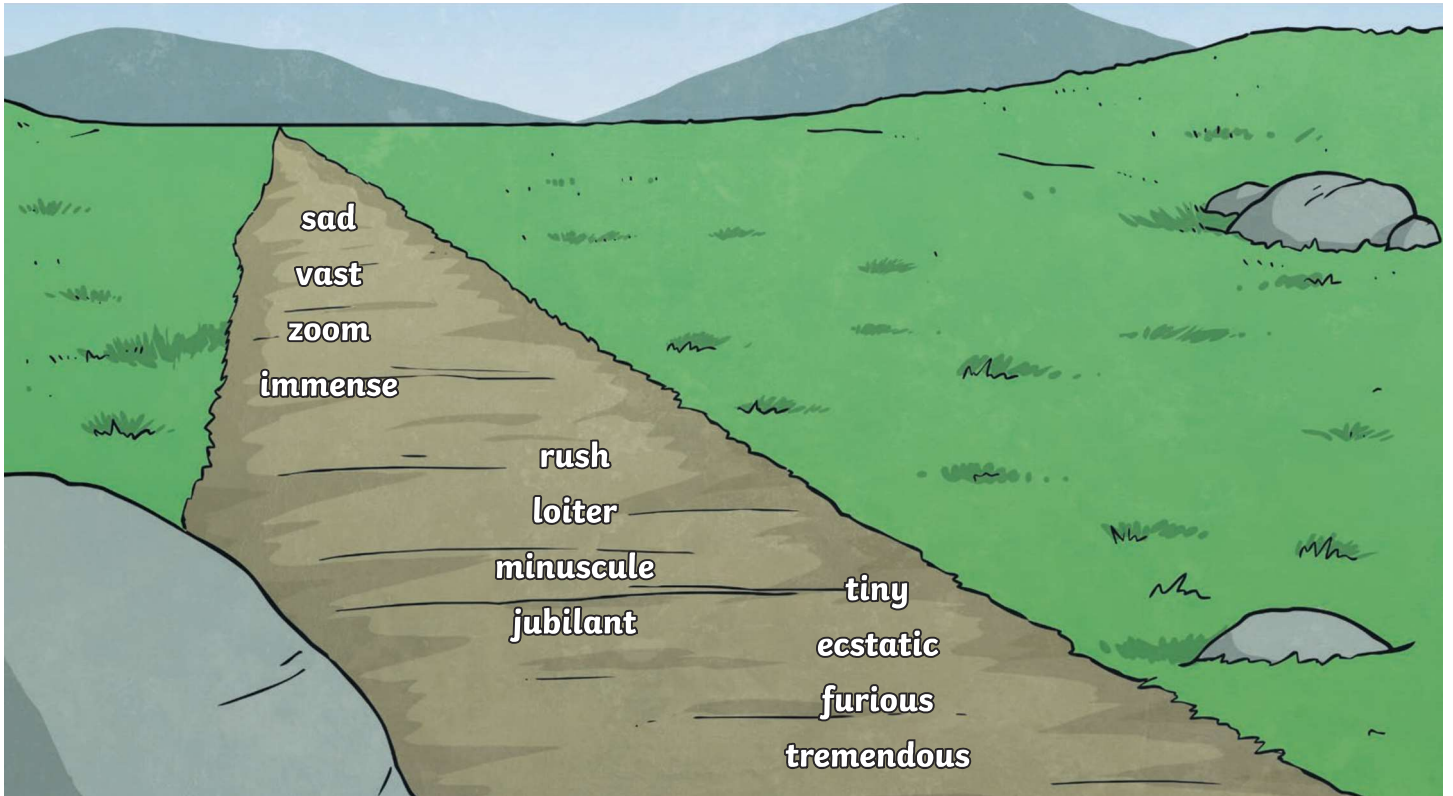


The suffix with the most words is _____ so the culprit's favourite colour is _____.

_____.

Clue 3: Transport Trouble

It was a muddy day and lots of tracks were left outside. Match the related words (synonyms and antonyms) to the correct 'family' below. The family with the most words will reveal the culprit's mode of transport.



The family with the most words is _____ so the culprit's mode of transport is _____.

Clue 4: Costume Clauses

Within the police descriptions of the children, many of the relative pronouns are missing! Can you fill in the gaps with **who**, **whose** or **which**?

If you use **who** most, the culprit is wearing a leprechaun costume.

If you use **whose** most, the culprit is wearing a rainbow costume.

If you use **which** most, the culprit is wearing an Irish flag costume.

Sentence with relative pronoun missing	Who, whose or which?
Aileen, _____ loves orange, rides an orange scooter.	
Roisin, _____ transport is an old, rusty bike, would love to save up to buy a new, green bike.	
Niall is wearing a leprechaun costume, _____ is too big for him because he is quite short.	
There were no costumes to fit Dermot, _____ is very tall.	
Caitlin wore orange, _____ is her favourite colour.	
Darcey, _____ rides her brother's old scooter, had chocolate around her mouth.	
Despite having no bike or scooter, Maude, _____ is Kyle's younger sister, didn't seem to mind walking.	



I used _____ most, so the culprit is wearing a _____ costume.

Clue 5: The Passive Parade

Find your way through this parade of sentences (vertically or horizontally) by following the passive parade and avoiding the active accidents.

At the end of your journey, you will discover the age of the culprit.

<p>Start</p> <p>The pot of gold was taken by one of the children.</p>	<p>Music will be played by the large marching band.</p>	<p>The parade will be delayed by the incident.</p>	<p>One of the children took the pot of gold.</p>
<p>The marching band will play music.</p>	<p>The fabulous costumes will amaze the crowd.</p>	<p>The crowd will be amazed by the fabulous costumes.</p>	<p>The incident will delay the parade.</p>
<p>Terence noticed a muddy footprint.</p>	<p>The leprechaun costumes were designed by Zaira.</p>	<p>A muddy footprint was noticed by Terence.</p>	<p>Patrick has been in every parade since he was 4 years old.</p>
<p>The parade will be led by various church groups.</p>	<p>If the chocolate coins are found, they will be handed out by the rainbows during the parade.</p>	<p>Zaira designed the leprechaun costumes.</p>	<p>If the chocolate coins are found, the rainbows will hand them out during the parade.</p>
<p>The parade is attended by hundreds of people.</p>	<p>Various church groups will lead the parade.</p>	<p>The parade will be watched by hundreds of spectators.</p>	<p>The Irish flags were sewn by lots of parents and grandparents.</p>
<p>7-9 years old</p>	<p>10-12 years old</p>	<p>13-15 years old</p>	<p>16+ years old</p>

The culprit is _____.

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Answers

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There are more **crosses** so the culprit is **female**.

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Clue 2: Shamrock Suffixes

-ate	-en	-ise
captive	light	terror
alien	flat	final
valid	length	advert
	short	vandal
		capital
		visual
		elastic

The suffix with the most words is **-ise** so the culprit's favourite colour is **orange**.

Clue 3: Transport Trouble

size	speed	mood
immense	zoom	furious
tiny	rush	sad
minuscule	loiter	ecstatic
vast		jubilant
tremendous		

The family with the most words is **size**, so the culprit's mode of transport is **scooter**.

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Darcey, _____ rides her brother's old scooter, had chocolate around her mouth.	who
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I used **who** most so the culprit is wearing a **leprechaun** costume.

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The culprit is **7-9 years old**.

The culprit was Noreen.