

The Mystery of the Tangled Tinsel

Instructions

A serious crime has been committed in Lapland. It is a week before Christmas and Santa is getting ready for the big light switch on tomorrow evening, but the lights and decorations have been found in a terrible tangle.

As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out who has ransacked the decorations. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 elves who were tasked with decorating the town and, most importantly, the giant Christmas tree.



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 Elf Descriptions

Elf Name	Male or Female	Job in the Workshop	Colour of Outfit	Height (for an elf!)	Favourite Christmas Decoration
Angel Applepie	F	manufacturing	red	short	angels
Bubble Bell	M	loading	green	tall	bells
Christy Cheer	M	loading	blue	medium	angels
Cookie Candy	F	designing	green	short	baubles
Dazzle Droopysocks	M	wrapping	yellow	medium	angels
Delight Dimples	F	loading	blue	medium	stars
Elfina Evergreen	F	manufacturing	blue	short	bells
Elvis Elf	M	designing	yellow	medium	baubles
Fizz Frosty	M	designing	yellow	short	bells
Glitter Glimmer	F	wrapping	blue	tall	angels
Glow Gleam	M	wrapping	red	medium	bells
Holly Happy	F	manufacturing	yellow	tall	angels
Ivy Imp	F	loading	green	tall	bells
Jolly Jingle	M	manufacturing	red	tall	bells
Joy Jangle	F	designing	blue	short	baubles

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Kris Kristingle	M	manufacturing	green	medium	bells
Lulu Love	F	loading	green	tall	stars
Merry Miracle	F	designing	yellow	medium	stars
Noel Nipper	M	manufacturing	green	tall	bells
Poinsettia Pine	F	wrapping	yellow	tall	baubles
Pompom Partypie	M	manufacturing	red	tall	bells
Rudy Ribbon	M	manufacturing	yellow	medium	stars
Sparkle Star	M	loading	blue	short	bells
Snowflake Satin	F	wrapping	green	short	angels
Sugarplum Shimmer	F	designing	red	medium	stars
Tinsel Tazz	M	designing	green	short	stars
Tiny Twinkletoes	M	manufacturing	red	tall	bells
Topper Tumbles	M	manufacturing	red	short	bells
Winter Wonder	F	wrapping	blue	tall	angels
Yule Yummy	M	loading	green	medium	baubles

The tinsel tangler was

Clue 1 - Advent Adverbials

The elves have been writing about Christmas but some have forgotten where the commas should be! Check which ones are correct. If they are, give them a tick. If they are incorrect, give them a cross. If you have more ticks, the culprit is a female.

If you have more crosses, the culprit is a male.

Advent Adverbial	✓ or x
While, we make the presents we often sing together.	
Late on Christmas Eve, Santa can be seen flying through the sky.	
With care and attention all of the presents are made, in Santa's workshop.	
Like beautiful jewels the lights, sparkle on Santa's giant Christmas tree	
Flying across the sky, Santa and the reindeer rush to deliver all the gifts in time.	
Under the tree lots of beautifully wrapped presents, wait to be opened.	
After a busy night Santa, and the reindeer enjoy a long holiday.	



There were _____ crosses and _____ ticks.
 There were more _____ so the
 culprit is male / female.

Clue 2 - Magical Maze!

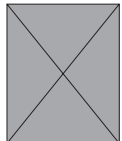
Find your way through this maze of Y5/6 statutory spelling words. By following the path (vertically or horizontally) of correctly spelled words, you will find out what the culprit's favourite Christmas decorations are.

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stars



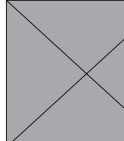
baubles



angels



bells



The culprit's favourite Christmas decorations are

_____.

Clue 3

Santa's Relative Clauses

Santa has been reading the police descriptions of the elves but has noticed that 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 short.

If you use **whose** most, the culprit is medium.

If you use **which** most, the culprit is tall.



Sentence with Relative Pronoun Missing	Who, Whose or Which?
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Delight Dimples collects stars, _____ are her favourite Christmas decorations.	
Lulu Love, _____ is very tall, is usually given the job of putting the star on top of the Christmas tree.	
Angel Applepie always wants to put angels, _____ are her favourite decoration, at the top of tree.	
Glitter Glimmer wears a blue outfit, _____ is a bit short on her because she is exceptionally tall for an elf.	

I used **who** _____ times.
I used **whose** _____ times.
I used **which** _____ times.

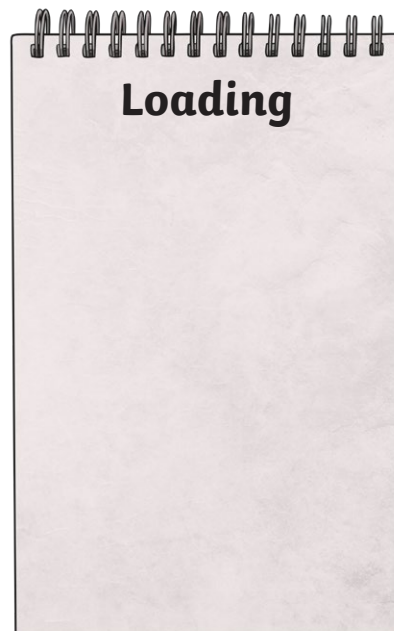
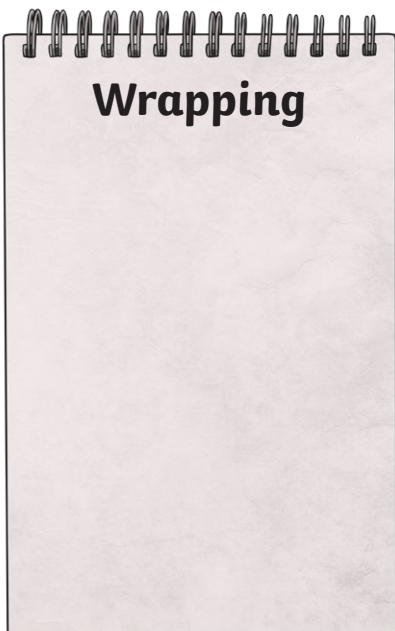
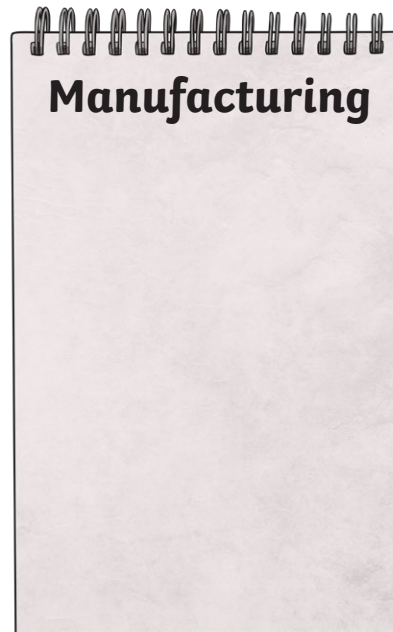
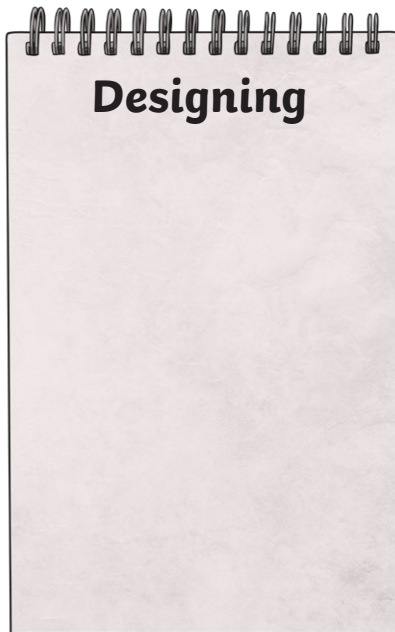
I used _____ most so the culprit is
short / medium / tall.



Clue 4 - Silly or Sensible Synonyms?

Match the words the silly elves use to describe their jobs to the actual job titles. Whichever one has the most synonyms is the job of the culprit.

planning producing making bundling packing
constructing tying sketching assembling
building drafting






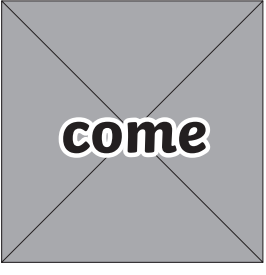


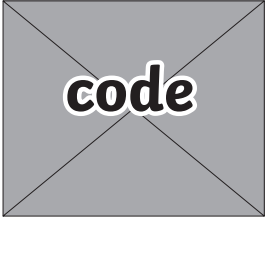


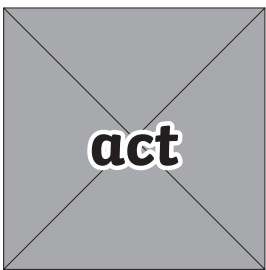
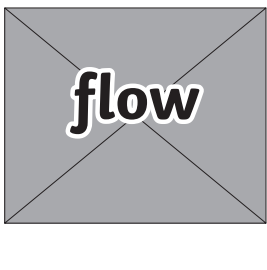



The word with the most synonyms is _____, so that is the culprit's job in the workshop.

Clue 5 - Present Prefixes

With all the chaos this police investigation has caused, these presents have been muddled up! In order to help sort them for delivery, you need to match them to the correct verb prefix.

Whichever verb prefix has the most words with it will reveal the colour of the culprit's outfit.

 appoint	 fuse	 treat	 read	 estimate
 come	 sleep	 connect	 code	 place
 spell	 act	 flow	 courage	



dis-



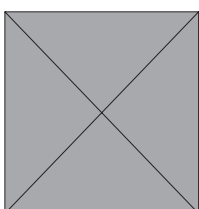
de-



over-



mis-



The prefix I used the most was _____, so the culprit's outfit is _____.



Clue 1 - Advent Adverbials **Answers**

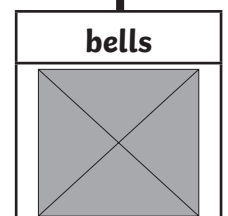
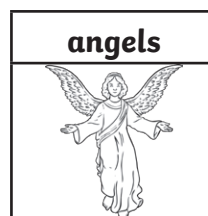
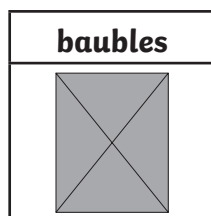
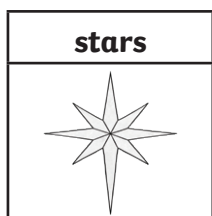
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There were **5** crosses and **2** ticks.

There were more **crosses** so the culprit is **male** / female.

Clue 2 - Magical Maze! **Answers**

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critisize	privilige	aparent	ocupy	proffession	signiture	muscle
consience	pronunciation	achieve	equip	committee	disastrous	queue
develope	leisure	sudgest	equiptment	bargin	bruize	convinience
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The culprit's favourite Christmas decorations are **bells**.

Clue 3

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I used **who** 2 times.

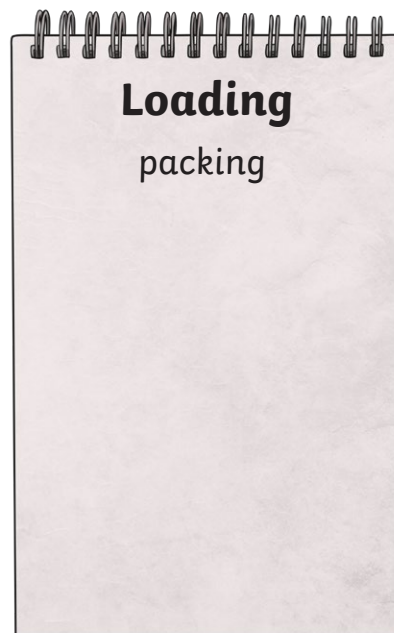
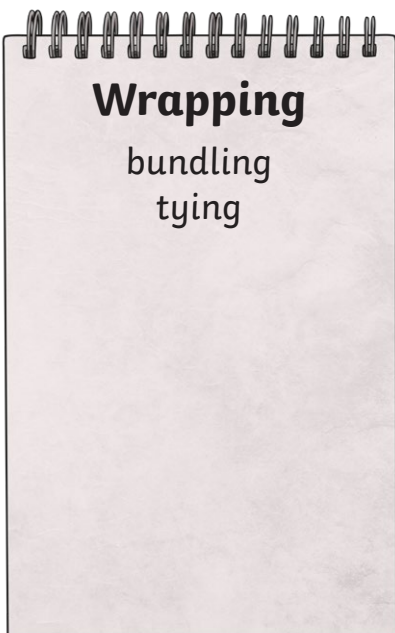
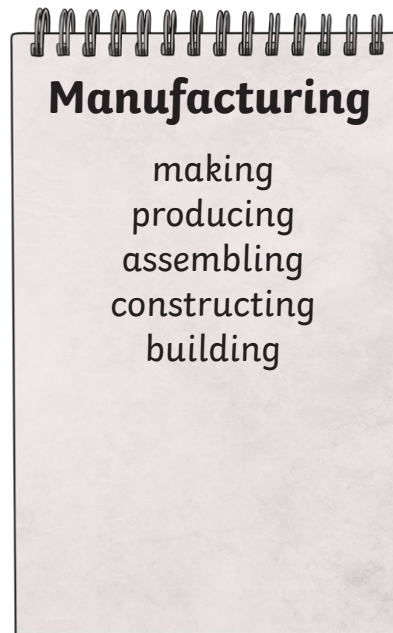
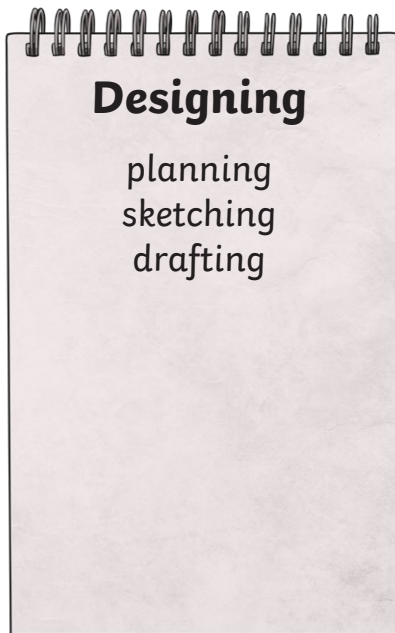
I used **whose** 1 time.

I used **which** 4 times.

I used **which** most so the culprit is short / medium / **tall**.

Clue 4 - Silly or Sensible Synonyms?

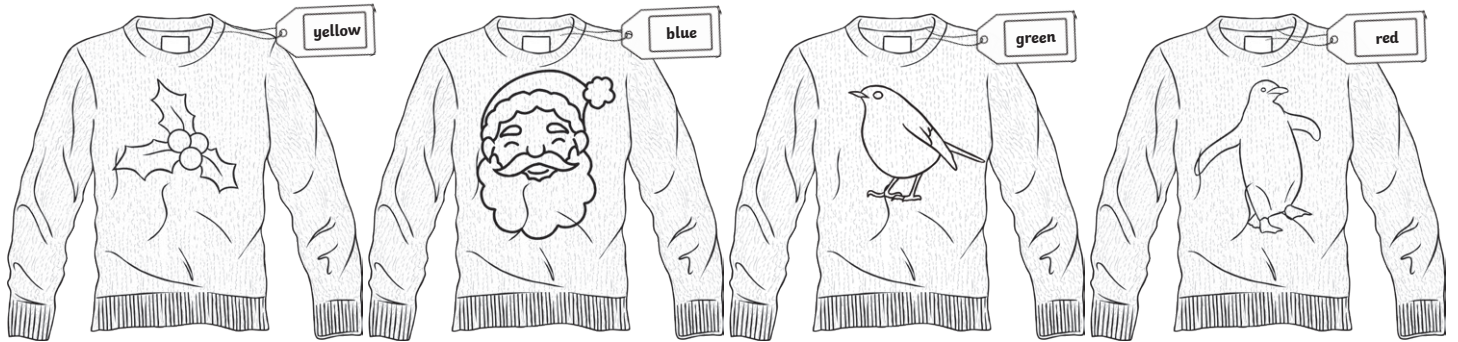
Answers



The word with the most synonyms is **manufacturing**, so that is the culprit's job in the workshop.

(Some children might place packing with wrapping, which is also a possible synonym.)

Clue 5 - Present Prefixes **Answers**



dis-

appoint
connect
courage

de-

fuse
code

over-

come
sleep
act
flow
estimate

mis-

treat
read
spell
place

The prefix I used the most was **over-**,
so the culprit's outfit is **green**.

The tinsel tangler was **Noel Nipper**.