

The Tangled Tinsel: Christmas Problem-Solving Mystery Game

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 !



Elf Name	Male or Female	Job in the Workshop	Colour of Outfit	Height (for an elf!)	Favorite Christmas Decoration
Angel Applepie	F	manufacturing	blue	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	blue	medium	bells
Holly Happy	F	manufacturing	yellow	tall	angels
Ivy Imp	F	loading	green	tall	bells
Jolly Jingle	M	manufacturing	yellow	tall	bells
Joy Jangle	F	designing	blue	short	baubles
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	blue	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	yellow	medium	stars
Tinsel Tazz	M	designing	green	short	stars
Tiny Twinkletoes	M	manufacturing	blue	tall	bells
Topper Tumbles	M	manufacturing	yellow	short	bells
Winter Wonder	F	wrapping	blue	tall	angels
Yule Yummy	M	loading	green	medium	baubles

Clue 1: Advent Superlatives

The elves have been writing but some superlatives are wrong! 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.

Superlatives	✓ or ✕ ?
The smallest book in the world measures 2.4mm by 2.9mm. It's an alphabet book.	
The tallest tree in the world is a redwood tree in California. It is 112 metres tall.	
The longest river in Spain is the Ebro. It is 910 km long.	
The most high mountain in Britain is Ben Nevis, in Scotland. It is 1,344 metres high.	
Asia is the biggest continent, four times bigger than the USA.	
The Pacific Ocean is the deepest, but also the largest ocean.	
Monaco is the most densely populated country in the world.	

Complete:

There are _____ crosses and _____ ticks.

The culprit is male / female.



Clue 2: Magical Maze

Find your way through this maze of short / long adjectives. By following the path (horizontally or vertically) of SHORT adjectives, you will find out what the culprit's favourite Christmas decorations are.

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cool	clever	playful	intelligent	surprising	beautiful	attractive
famous	easy	fun	eager	nice	smart	honest
yellow	selfish	magical	popular	boring	pretty	amazing
mild	exciting	reckless	high	happy	fine	colorful
plump	cheap	boring	cold	colorless	hopeful	amazing
crazy	red	popular	short	sassy	lazy	tall
hopeless	competent	difficult	festive	reckless	impatient	smart
honest	close	light	snowy	short	naughty	dark
dishonest	shy	dangerous	educated	frightening	handsome	furious
patient	early	funny	skinny	short	generous	necessary
faithful	unselfish	terrific	frightened	old	fine	important
great	red	blue	smooth	intensive	fired	wild
lazy	pleasant	daily	powerless	rainy	powerful	pure
stars		baubles		angels		bells

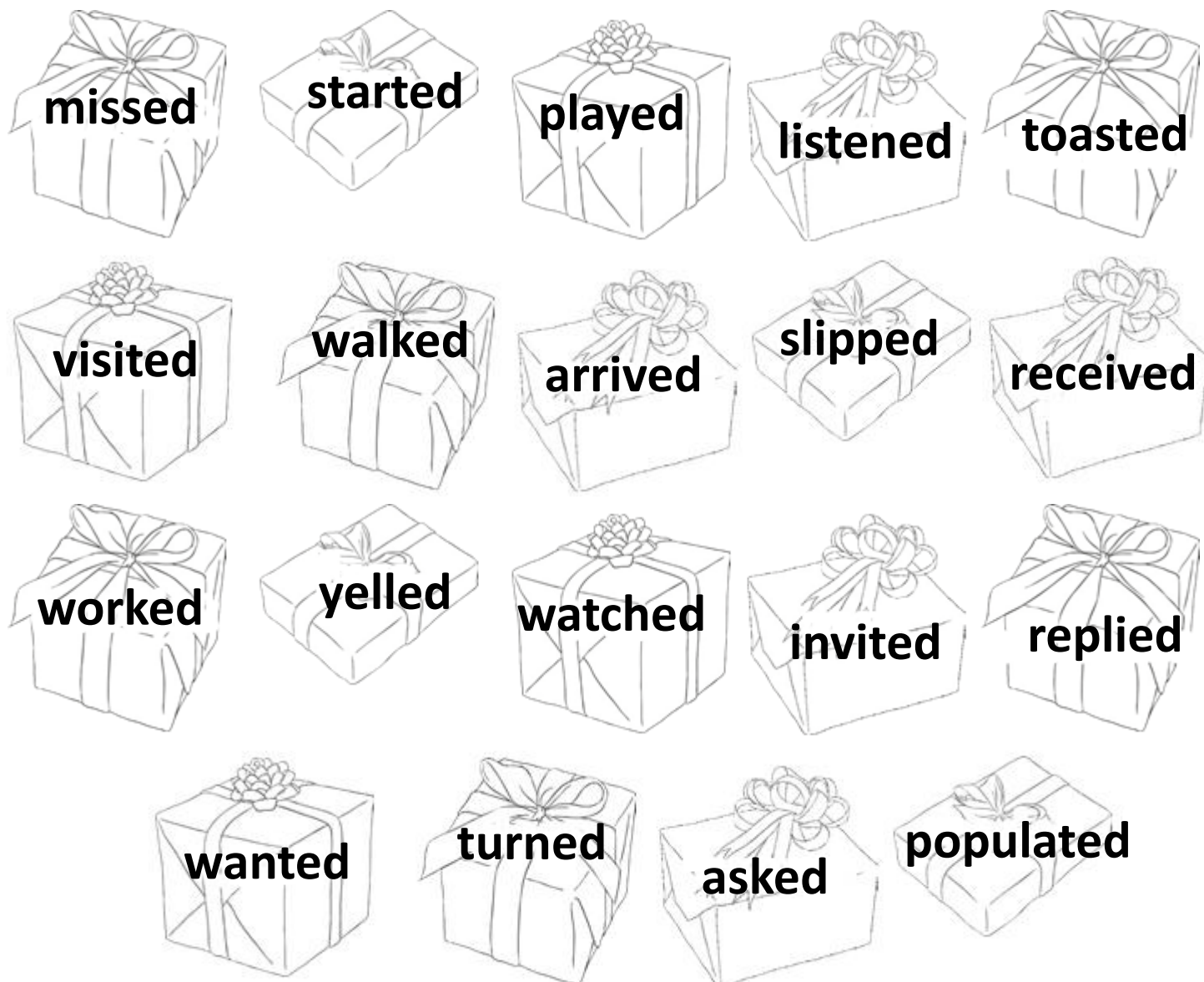





Complete:

The culprit's favourite Christmas decorations are _____.

Clue 3: Santa's Pronunciation

Santa has been reading the children's letters but has noticed that he had difficulties with the -ed ending! Can you help him classify the words?



/t/	/ɪd/	/d/
short 	medium 	tall 

Complete:

The column with the most words is / /
so the culprit is short / medium / tall.

Clue 4: It's all about Family...

Help the elves to classify the words in lists.

Whichever one has the most words indicates the job of the culprit.

**bauble – bell – boots – candle - candy cane - christmas tree
garland - gingerbread man – gloves - hat
holly – mistletoe – pudding – scarf - star**

plants

designing elf

food

wrapping elf

decorations

manufacturing elf

clothes

loading elf

Complete:

The list with the most words is _____

so the culprit's job in the workshop is _____

Clue 5: The Final Delivery

With all the chaos this police investigation has caused, one city has NOT received its presents yet!

Classify the attractions and find the colour of the culprit's outfit...

Air and Space Museum

Macy's

Broadway

National Archives

Brooklyn Bridge

Orsay Museum

Central Park

Statue of Liberty

Champs Elysées

Supreme Court

Eiffel Tower

Times Square

Jefferson's Memorial

Wall Street

Lincoln Memorial

White House



Washington, DC

Paris

New York City

Complete:

The longest list is for _____

so the culprit's outfit is _____.

- 1) les croix, donc le coupable est un homme.
- 2) les cloches
- 3) /d/ donc tall
- 4) decorations donc manufacturing
- 5) new york city donc le pull vert.

le coupable est Noel Nipper