

The Conundrum of the Copied Cup

Football fans from around the world had travelled to Russia to watch the final of The World Cup. They were all so excited for the chance to see their favourite team maybe win the amazing trophy. However, as the final match came to an end and the winners were about to be crowned, the football officials discovered a huge problem: the iconic golden cup about to be presented was no more than a terrible fake! The real trophy had been replaced with a cheap, plastic replica.

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out which player stole the real trophy. You have taken down the names and descriptions of 20 players who were in the stadium when the replica was discovered. There are also five important clues that have been discovered at the scene of the crime.

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 solve the mystery and return the golden trophy before The World Cup final is over?

Good luck!



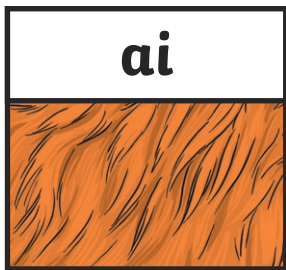
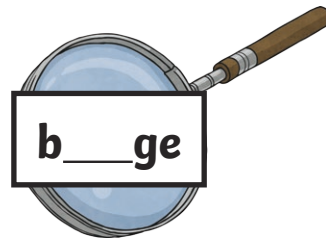
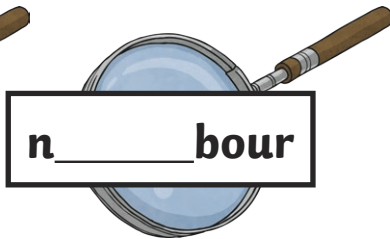
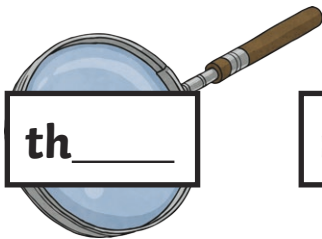
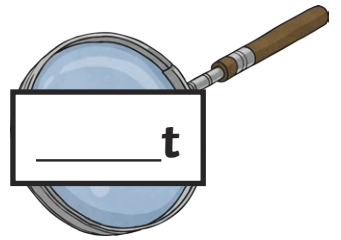
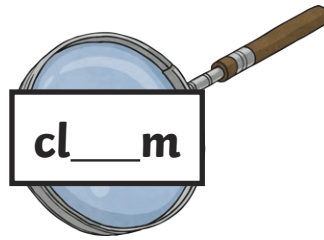
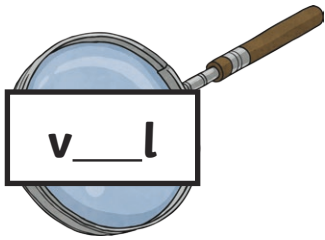
Football Player Descriptions

Player Name	Football Boot Size	Hair Colour	Kit Colour	National Flag Colour	Favourite Drink
Ahmed Marquez	8	brown	red	red	cola
Alton Hamilton	9	blonde	blue	white	water
Atila Demir	7	brown	yellow	green	cola
Aydan Wiley	8	black	blue	red	coffee
Emmanuel O'Neal	11	brown	red	white	fruit juice
Florin Lakatos	13	blonde	blue	green	fruit juice
Harun Ali	12	brown	yellow	red	water
Keziah Pike	9	black	red	green	fruit juice
Marcel Sanford	11	ginger	blue	white	coffee
Marcus O'Brien	10	blonde	yellow	green	coffee
Matthew Kirkwood	9	brown	red	white	fruit juice
Muzafar Roman	12	brown	blue	green	coffee
Naim Shah	10	brown	red	red	water
Semih Lynch	11	black	yellow	white	water
Simon Zuniga	9	ginger	red	red	fruit juice
Syed Murray	8	brown	yellow	green	coffee
Uktu Fletcher	10	brown	red	white	cola
Vasile Mays	13	ginger	blue	green	fruit juice
Wayne Conrad	9	ginger	yellow	red	water
Winston Ryan	7	blonde	red	white	cola

Clue 1

A Cut Above the Rest

As the first person on the scene, you find an important piece of evidence. Trapped beneath the replica trophy, you find a long strand of hair. It must belong to the trophy thief! Draw a line to match the word to the correct vowel sound. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The vowel sound with the most matching words will show the colour of the trophy thief's hair.



ginger

blonde

brown

black

The vowel sound with the most matching words is _____ so the trophy thief's hair must be _____.

Clue 2

A Shred of Evidence

On the floor, trapped beneath the trophy cabinet, is a scrap of material. It must have been torn from the trophy thief's football kit as they ran away. Read the sentences below. Decide which suffix is needed to correctly complete the words. The suffix that is used the most will show you the colour of the trophy thief's kit.



Sentence	-ly	-ation	-ous
I bet the thief is a fam_____ footballer.			
They're definite_____ bitter about losing the match.			
Stealing the trophy would have taken lots of prepar_____.			
The football officials are furi_____ that the trophy has been stolen.			
The missing trophy will sad_____ delay the award ceremony.			
Stealing the trophy must have been a very danger_____ task.			
I hope the police get the inform_____ they need.			
The police will final_____ work out who the culprit is.			
No one will have any admir_____ for the trophy thief now.			
Stealing the trophy was complete_____ unnecessary.			



If **-ly** is used the most, the kit is **red**.



If **-ation** is used the most, the kit is **yellow**.



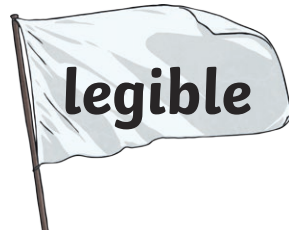
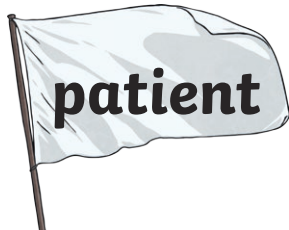
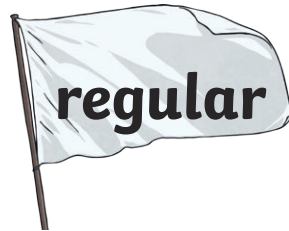
If **-ous** is used the most, the kit is **blue**.

The suffix which is used most is _____ so the trophy thief's kit must be _____.

Clue 3

Flagging It Up

Whilst examining the replica trophy, you find another torn piece of material but this one belongs to a national flag. Look at the root words below. Decide which prefix is needed to give the root word the opposite meaning. Add the correct prefix and write the new word in the correct box. The prefix with the most matching root words will show you the main colour of the trophy thief's national flag.



il-

If **il-** is used the most,
the flag is mostly **red**.

im-

If **im-** is used the most,
the flag is mostly **white**.

ir-

If **ir-** is used the most,
the flag is mostly **green**.

The prefix with the most matching root words is _____ so the main colour of the trophy thief's national flag must be _____.

Clue 4

A Sticky Predicament

The replica, plastic trophy was found sitting in a puddle of the trophy thief's favourite type of drink. To find out what kind of drink it is, you must solve this puzzle. Each of these sentences has one piece of punctuation missing. Add the missing punctuation from the options below. The most common piece of missing punctuation will tell you the trophy thief's favourite type of drink.

Whos going to find the trophy thief?

Could the real trophy still be inside the stadium

Quick! shouted the police officer. "Look what I've found!"

This morning, my friend said to me, Can you believe it?

We've searched the seats the locker room and the subs bench.

Can we stop everyone leaving until the trophy is found

I have some questions for you, said the lead inspector.

I cant believe that something like this could happen.

My three lead officers (Gomez Riaz and Clarke) are on the case.

How many times do I need to ask you? he said, forcefully.



If a question mark is missing most, the trophy thief loves water.

If a comma is missing most, the trophy thief loves coffee.

If an apostrophe is missing most, the trophy thief loves cola.

If inverted commas are missing most, the trophy thief loves fruit juice.

The most common piece of missing punctuation is _____ so the trophy thief's favourite drink must be _____.

Clue 5

Putting Their Foot In It

Just as you were about to give up, you find a handwritten set of instructions written by the trophy thief, explaining their entire cunning plan in detail! Circle the words which are spelt incorrectly and write the correct spellings below. The total number of words spelt incorrectly is the same as the trophy thief's football boot size.



Plan to steal The World Cup trophy:

1. Arive at the stadium 50 minits earlie.
2. Wait for the gard to dissapear for break.
3. Take posesion of the trophy without getting caut.
4. Head strait out of the stadium in the oposite direction.
5. Sneak away and store the trophy in

There were _____ spelling mistakes in the note so that must be the trophy thief's boot size.

The World Cup trophy thief must be _____.

Clue 1: A Cut Above the Rest

ai	ei	eigh	ey
claim	veil	weigh	they
	beige	eight	obey
		neighbour	
		sleigh	

Answer to clue 1: The vowel sound with the most matching words is '**eigh**' so the trophy thief's hair must be **brown**.

Clue 2: A Shred of Evidence

Sentence	-ly	-ation	-ous
I bet the thief is a fam ous footballer.			✓
They're definit ely bitter about losing the match.	✓		
Stealing the trophy would have taken lots of prepar ation .		✓	
The football officials are fur ious that the trophy has been stolen.			✓
The missing trophy will sad ly delay the award ceremony.	✓		
Stealing the trophy must have been a very danger ous task.			✓
I hope the police get the inform ation they need.		✓	
The police will final ly work out who the culprit is.	✓		
No one will have any admir ation for the trophy thief now.		✓	
Stealing the trophy was complet ely unnecessary.	✓		

Answer to clue 2: The suffix which is used most is **-ly** so the trophy thief's kit must be **red**.

Clue 3: Flagging It Up

-il

illegal

illegible

im-

impossible

immature

impatient

imperfect

ir-

irregular

irresponsible

irrelevant

Answer to clue 3: The prefix with the most matching root words is **im-** so the main colour of the trophy thief's national flag must be **white**.

Clue 4: A Sticky Predicament

Sentence	Missing Punctuation
Whos going to find the trophy thief?	apostrophe
Could the real trophy still be inside the stadium	question mark
Quick! shouted the police officer. "Look what I've found!"	inverted commas
This morning, my friend said to me, Can you believe it?	inverted commas
We've searched the seats the locker room and the subs bench.	commas
Can we stop everyone leaving until the trophy is found	question mark
I have some questions for you, said the lead inspector.	inverted commas
I cant believe that something like this could happen.	apostrophe
My three lead officers (Gomez Riaz and Clarke) are on the case.	comma
How many times do I need to ask you? he said, forcefully.	inverted commas

Answer to clue 4: The most common piece of missing punctuation is **inverted commas** so the trophy thief's favourite drink must be **fruit juice**.

Clue 5: A Cut above the Rest

The correct answer should read:

Plan to steal The World Cup trophy:

1. **Arrive** at the stadium 50 **minutes early**.
2. Wait for the **guard** to **disappear** for break.
3. Take **possession** of the trophy without getting **caught**.
4. Head **straight** out of the stadium in the **opposite** direction.
5. Sneak away and store the trophy...

Answer to clue 5: There were **9** spelling mistakes in the note so that must be the trophy thief's boot size.

The World Cup trophy thief must be **Matthew Kirkwood**.