

The Missing Emojis SPaG

Problem-Solving Mystery Game

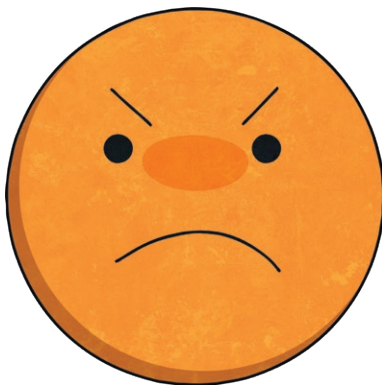
Instructions

It's nearly Emoji Day and a catastrophe has occurred. All of the emojis have disappeared from everyone's mobile phones! Who would take all of the emojis just before Emoji Day? The culprit needs to be found and the emojis must be returned so that the celebrations can continue.

As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out who stole the emojis. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 20 people who were working in the mobile phone factory last night.

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. Can you find the emojis in time?

Good luck!



The Workers' Descriptions

Worker's Name	Do They Wear Glasses?	Left or right handed?	Type of phone	Favourite Snack	House Number
Archie Anger	yes	left	old	sweets	12
Barty Blithe	no	left	old	biscuits	24
Briana Blue	yes	right	new	sweets	3
Carly Content	no	left	old	crisps	10
Constance Confused	no	right	new	crisps	15
Cecil Cry	yes	left	old	sweets	7
Frederick Fine	no	right	new	sweets	2
Gloria Glee	no	right	old	biscuits	8
Geraint Grieve	yes	left	old	crisps	7
Hayley Happy	yes	right	new	biscuits	20
Jonty Joy	no	right	old	biscuits	6
Meredith Merry	yes	left	new	sweets	16
Peter Peace	yes	right	old	sweets	5
Roger Relaxed	yes	left	old	crisps	9
Sammy Sad	no	left	old	biscuits	100
Serena Scream	yes	right	new	crisps	5
Sean Surprise	yes	left	new	sweets	59
Tracey Tears	no	right	old	biscuits	1
Trevor Tense	no	left	new	sweets	7
Vinny Villain	yes	left	new	sweets	18

The culprit was _____.

Clue 1

Homophones

The culprit dropped their mobile phone whilst fleeing the factory. Sadly, the phone is locked so you cannot find out who it belongs to.

Decide which spelling of the missing words is correct; the word on phone A or the word on phone B. Circle the correct spelling for each sentence and then count how many of phone A and how many of phone B you have chosen.



1. The clock struck midnight so the _____ jumped on her broom and soared into the black sky.	witch	which
2. Mum cut her friend a large _____ of chocolate cake.	piece	peace
3. The postman pushed the _____ through the letter box carefully.	male	mail
4. "That is not _____ ball," Tim explained to his teacher.	their	there
5. The footballer was told that he had a nasty _____ in his thigh bone.	brake	break
6. "Do you know what the _____ is going to be like tomorrow?" asked Harry.	whether	weather
7. Grandma Jones could not believe how much her grandson had _____!	groan	grown
8. "Can you _____ the cheese for me please?" requested Tom.	grate	great

Clue 1

Homophones

9. Alice fell over on the playground and got a _____ in her trousers.	hole	whole
10. When the red light flashes, you must _____ before crossing.	weight	wait
11. Lucy became a vegetarian because she didn't like the texture of _____.	meat	meet
12. The young sailor was trying to tie a strong _____ in the rope.	not	knot
13. At the end of the _____, the actors had a quick break.	scene	seen
14. Male lions are recognisable because of their bushy, golden _____.	mane	main
15. Jill ran into her Dad's arms crying, "I really _____ you Daddy."	mist	missed



If you circled more of phone A than phone B, the culprit has an old mobile phone.

If you circled more of phone B than phone A, the culprit has a new mobile phone.

The culprit has a/an _____ phone.

Clue 2

Plural Possessive Apostrophe

The emoji factory is always trying to work out which emojis are the most popular and so the room is filled with sticky notes with hand written sentences about which groups prefer which emojis.

Tick the sentences that show the correct use of the **plural possessive apostrophe**.

If there is an odd number of ticks, the culprit is right-handed.

If there is an even number of ticks, the culprit is left-handed.

The fairies'
favourite
emoji is happy.

The people's
favourite emoji
is confused.

The childrens'
favourite emoji
is shocked.

The babies's
favourite emoji
is laughing.

The dogs'
favourite
emoji is angry.

The cats's
favourite
emoji is happy.

The teachers'
favourite emoji
is sleeping.

The actress's
favourite emoji
is smiling with
sunglasses.

The witches's
favourite emoji
is winking.

I have ticked _____ sentences.

Therefore, the culprit is _____ handed.

Clue 3

Eye-Spy the Culprit!

Find your way through this maze of statutory spelling words. By following the path (vertically or horizontally, NOT diagonally) of **correctly** spelt words, you will find out whether the culprit wears glasses or not.

Start

exercise	continue	fruit	knowledge	prehaps	strange
arive	queschon	material	often	heard	notice
belive	spetial	interest	Febuary	experience	center
fourwards	strenth	peculiar	possess	occassion	thought
calendar	bicycle	althogh	describe	favourite	reguler
naughty	minute	ordinary	eighfth	enough	difficult
presshure	breath	perculiar	popular	rescent	busy
early	posession	through	separate	library	eight
certun	opposite	suppose	diffrent	awnser	remmember
inportant	guard	straght	possibble	imagine	famous
potatoes 	earth 		weight 		surprise 

The culprit _____ glasses.

Clue 4

Suffix Snacks

An empty snack packet was found outside the emoji room. Match the words to the correct suffix to form a new word. The suffix with the most words will reveal which packet was found and show the culprit's favourite snack.



-ation

-ly

-ous

The suffix with the most words is _____

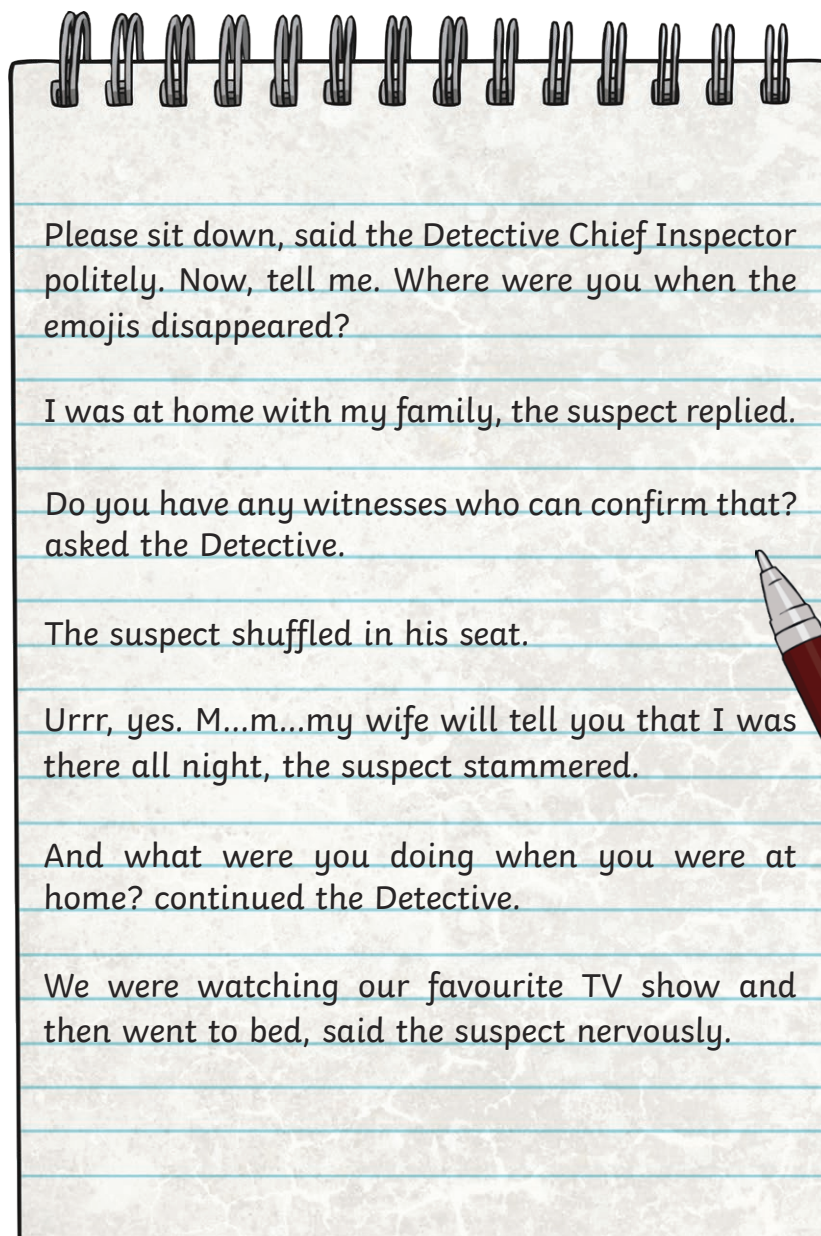
so the culprit's favourite snack is _____.

Clue 5

Dodgy Dialogue

PC Barnes writes down what is said in an interview with one of the suspects, but he does not know how to use speech punctuation.

Add the inverted commas around what is said. The number of missing PAIRS of inverted commas will show the house number of the culprit.



Please sit down, said the Detective Chief Inspector politely. Now, tell me. Where were you when the emojis disappeared?

I was at home with my family, the suspect replied.

Do you have any witnesses who can confirm that? asked the Detective.

The suspect shuffled in his seat.

Urrr, yes. M...m...my wife will tell you that I was there all night, the suspect stammered.

And what were you doing when you were at home? continued the Detective.

We were watching our favourite TV show and then went to bed, said the suspect nervously.

There are ____ missing PAIRS of inverted commas so the emoji's house number is ____.

The culprit is _____.

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Clue 1: Homophones

1. The clock struck midnight so the **witch** jumped on her broom and soared into the black sky.
 2. Mum cut her friend a large **piece** of chocolate cake.
 3. The postman pushed the **mail** through the letter box carefully.
 4. "That is not **their** ball," Tim explained to his teacher.
 5. The footballer was told that he had a nasty **break** in his thigh bone.
 6. "Do you know what the **weather** is going to be like tomorrow?" asked Harry.
 7. Grandma Jones could not believe how much her grandson had **grown**!
 8. "Can you **grate** the cheese for me please?" requested Tom.
 9. Alice fell over on the playground and got a **hole** in her trousers.
 10. When the red light flashes, you must **wait** before crossing.
 11. Lucy became a vegetarian because she didn't like the texture of **meat**.
 12. The young sailor was trying to tie a strong **knot** in the rope.
 13. At the end of the **scene**, the actors had a quick break.
 14. Male lions are recognisable because of their bushy, golden **mane**.
 15. Jill ran into her Dad's arms crying, "I really **missed** you Daddy.
- The culprit had an **old** phone.

Clue 2: Plural Possessive Apostrophe

The fairies' favourite emoji is happy.		
The people's favourite emoji is confused.		
The childrens' favourite emoji is shocked.		X
The babies's favourite emoji is laughing.		X

The dogs' favourite emoji is angry.		
The cats's favourite emoji is happy.		X
The teachers' favourite emoji is sleeping.		
The actress's favourite emoji is smiling with sunglasses.		X
The witches's favourite emoji is winking.		X

I have ticked **4** sentences. Therefore, the culprit is **left** handed.

Clue 3: Eye-Spy the Culprit

exercise	continue	fruit	knowledge	perhaps	strange
arrive	question	material	often	heard	notice
believe	special	interest	February	experience	center
fourwards	strength	peculiar	possess	occasion	thought
calendar	bicycle	although	describe	favourite	regular
naughty	minute	ordinary	eighth	enough	difficult
pressure	breath	perculiar	popular	resent	busy
early	possession	through	separate	library	eight
certain	opposite	suppose	different	answer	remember
important	guard	straight	possible	imagine	famous
potatoes	earth		weight		surprise

The culprit **does** wear glasses.

Clue 4: Suffix Snacks

-ation

information, adoration, sensation, preparation and admiration

-ly

sadly, completely, finally and gently

-ous

outrageous, dangerous and poisonous

The suffix with the most words is **-ation** so the culprit's favourite snack is sweets.

Clue 5: Dodgy Dialogue

"Please sit down," said the Detective Chief Inspector politely. "Now, tell me. Where were you when the emojis disappeared?"

"I was at home with my family," the suspect replied.

"Do you have any witnesses who can confirm that?" asked the Detective firmly.

The suspect shuffled in his seat.

"Urrr, yes. M...m...my wife will tell you that I was there all night," the suspect stammered.

"And what were you doing when you were at home?" continued the Detective.

"We were watching our favourite TV show and then went to bed," said the suspect nervously.

There are **7** missing PAIRS of inverted commas so the emoji's house number is **7**.

The culprit is Cecil Cry.