

# The Mystery of the Sports Day Trophy Snatcher

The children of Thorpe School have waited all year for Sports Day and now it's finally here! All the children are in one of the four houses: red house, green house, blue house or yellow house. But which house will win the most points and lift the famous Sports Day Trophy?

Just as the first race is about to begin, the teachers discover something terrible... the Sports Day Trophy is missing! It has been snatched!



As chief detective on the case, it is **your** job to find out which child has stolen the trophy. You have taken down the names and details of all the children who were in the area when it went missing. There are also five important clues to be discovered.

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 find out who stole the trophy before the end of Sports Day?

**Good Luck!**



# Children

Name	Age	Shoe Size	Hair Colour	House
Aisha	5	10	Black	Green
Ava	10	2	Black	Yellow
Dylan	7	12	Black	Green
Chen	4	12	Brown	Green
Daisy	9	1	Black	Red
Ezra	6	11	Brown	Yellow
George	7	12	Ginger	Blue
Layla	8	12	Black	Green
Hamza	5	10	Brown	Red
Hari	6	11	Ginger	Yellow
James	7	12	Blond	Blue
Kayden	9	1	Black	Green
Hamid	6	11	Brown	Red
Lucas	8	13	Brown	Blue
Devon	7	12	Black	Green
Neveah	10	2	Blonde	Red
Marah	9	1	Black	Blue
Rosie	7	12	Brown	Red
Toby	6	11	Black	Green
Tyler	5	10	Brown	Yellow

The trophy was stolen by \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 1: Suspect Spelling

At the scene of the crime, a note has been found. It has been written by the child who stole the trophy! But The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is not very good at spelling... Can you underline the words that are spelled incorrectly? Write out the corrected words under the note. Rearrange the letters you changed or added to spell the colour of the thief's hair.



The correct words are:

\_\_\_\_\_

The letters I have changed or added are:

\_\_\_\_\_

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher has \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

# Clue 2: Punctuation Eggs-perts!

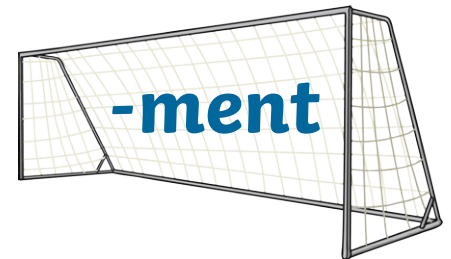
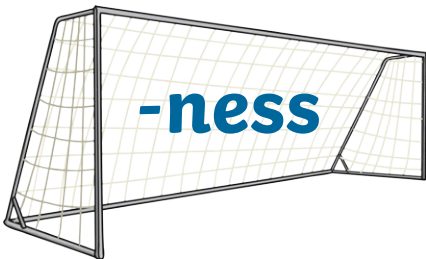
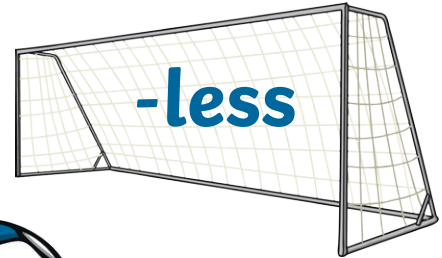
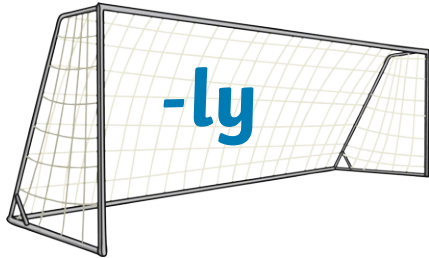
The Egg and Spoon race is about to begin! Can you draw lines to match the sentence spoons with the correct egg punctuation? Some eggs will be used more than once. Write out the corrected sentences with the punctuation added in the correct column. The house that has the most sentences is the house of The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher.

House/Punctuation	Sentences
Red House !	
Green House .	
Blue House ?	
Yellow House ,	

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is \_\_\_\_\_ House.

# Clue 3: Football Goal Suffixes

Can you kick the football root words into the correct suffix goals to make new words? Write the words you have made in the table below. Some root words can go with more than one suffix. The suffix that has been used the most will reveal The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher's shoe size!



-ly (size 12)	
-less (size 11)	
-ness (size 10)	
-ment (size 1)	

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher's shoe size is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 4: Chant the Word Class!

The children are cheering on their team with the Thorpe School Sports Day Chant! Can you count the number of adjectives, verbs and nouns in the chant that are in bold and write them in the table below? Count the word class that has the most number of words to find out the age of The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher!



We are Thorpe School,  
See us **run!**  
**Playing sport** is lots of fun!

Come on **green house**,  
**Try** your best,  
We will put you to the test!

Come on **red** house,  
**Work** it out,  
If you lose don't **moan** and pout!

Come on **yellow** house,  
**Show** your worth,  
Be the **best** team on the **Earth!**

**Come** on **blue** house,  
Don't you boast,  
Taking part's what matters most!



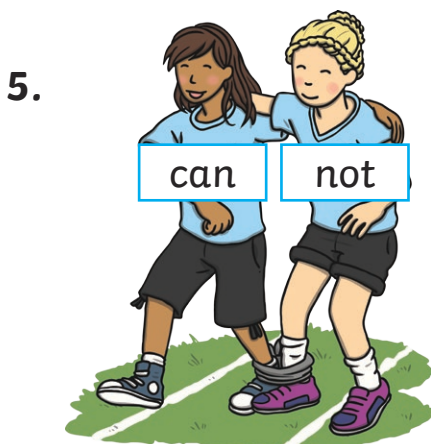
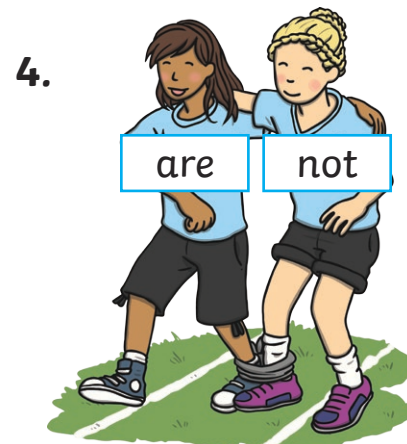
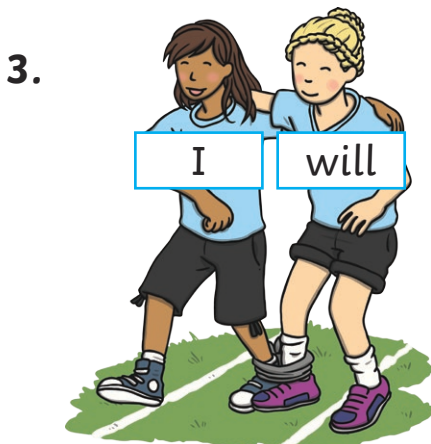
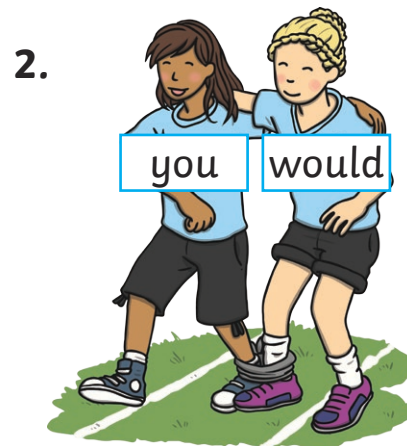
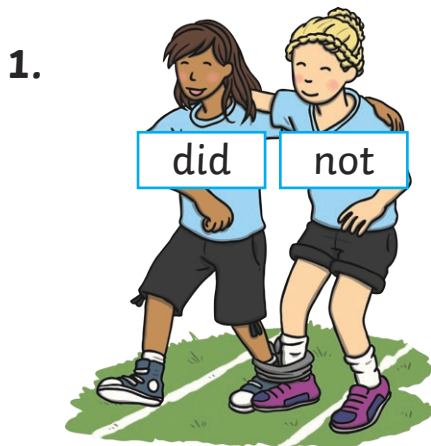
<b>Adjective</b>	
<b>Verb</b>	
<b>Noun</b>	

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

# Clue 5: Three-Legged Race

## Contractions

The children are competing in a three-legged race. Each child has a word on their T-shirt and when these words join together, they form a contraction. Can you write the contractions that are formed in the grid below? The yellow boxes will reveal the name of the trophy snatcher.



1					,	
2					,	
3		,				
4					,	
5					,	

The name of The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Answers

## Clue 1: Suspect Spelling

The correct words are:

school    have    sick    I'll    **bye**

The letters I have changed or added are:

**c a k l b**

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher has **black** hair.

## Clue 2: Punctuation Eggs-perts!

House/Punctuation	Sentences
Red House    !	<b>What an amazingly fast runner race she is!</b> <b>STOP, the race hasn't started yet!</b>
Green House    .	<b>You should drink lots of water today.</b> <b>It's the taking part that counts.</b> <b>Remember to wear your P.E. kit.</b>
Blue House    ?	<b>How hard have you been training?</b> <b>Will your parent be watching?</b>
Yellow House    ,	<b>I will take part in hopscotch, running and skipping.</b>

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is in **Green House**.



### Clue 3: Football Goal Suffixes

-ly (size 12)	
-less (size 11)	
-ness (size 10)	
-ment (size 1)	

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher's shoe size is **12**.

### Clue 4: Chant the Word Class!

<b>Adjective</b>	<b>green, red, yellow, best, blue</b>
<b>Verb</b>	<b>run, playing, try, moan, come, show, work</b>
<b>Noun</b>	<b>sport, house, Earth</b>

The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is **7** years old.

### Clue 5: Three-Legged Race Contractions

<b>1</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>t</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>o</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>d</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>l</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>t</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>t</b>	

The name of The Sports Day Trophy Snatcher is **Dylan**.

The trophy was stolen by **Dylan**.