

The Mystery of the Christmas Cookie Crime

The North Pole's most important night of the year has finally arrived... Christmas Eve! The elves have finished busily wrapping the presents, Santa's sleigh is tightly packed and festive excitement fills the air. Before setting off, Santa heads to the kitchen because Mrs Claus always bakes a batch of her special Christmas cookies to give Santa the energy he needs to get through the night. But when Santa reaches the kitchen, he is shocked to find hoof marks all over the floor and an empty plate of crumbs! One of Santa's reindeer must have eaten Mrs Claus' famous Christmas cookies! But which cheeky reindeer could have done such a thing?



As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out which of Santa's reindeer ate the Christmas cookies. You have taken down the names and descriptions of the 20 reindeer. There are also five important clues that have been discovered.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of reindeer names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and find out which reindeer committed this Christmas cookie crime before Santa leaves the North Pole to deliver his presents?



Good luck!

Reindeer Descriptions

Name	Antlers	Coat Colour	Eye Colour	Nose Colour	Favourite Snack
Dasher	yes	grey	blue	brown	chocolate
Dancer	yes	brown	gold	brown	carrot
Prancer	yes	white	brown	brown	carrot
Vixen	no	brown	blue	brown	cherry
Comet	yes	brown	gold	brown	chocolate
Cupid	yes	brown	brown	brown	cherry
Donner	yes	grey	blue	brown	chocolate
Blitzen	yes	brown	gold	brown	apple
Rudolph	yes	brown	brown	red	chocolate
Thunder	yes	black	blue	brown	carrot
Lightening	no	brown	gold	brown	carrot
Blizzard	yes	white	brown	brown	apple
Carol	no	grey	blue	brown	cherry
Gabriel	yes	brown	brown	brown	carrot
Holly	yes	brown	brown	brown	apple
Ivy	no	grey	gold	brown	chocolate
Noël	no	black	brown	brown	apple
Seren	yes	brown	blue	brown	cherry
Snowdrop	yes	white	gold	brown	carrot
Yule	yes	brown	brown	brown	chocolate

The Christmas cookie criminal must be _____.

Antler Antics

Clue 1

All of the elves in Santa's workshop are talking about the Christmas cookie crime! Listen in on their whispers to find a clue...



Each of these sentences is missing punctuation at the end. Add the missing punctuation (a full stop or a question mark) below. The most common missing punctuation will tell you if the reindeer who ate the cookies has antlers.

Who would eat Mrs Claus' cookies

I know they are delicious but I wouldn't dare do such a thing

I bet Mrs Claus spent ages baking them

Do you think they will catch the reindeer responsible

I heard she makes them with special Christmas spices

Will there be time for Mrs Claus to bake some more

Would having a red nose make it easier to break into the kitchen

I thought reindeer just ate carrots

I think we should forgive them in the spirit of Christmas

If a **full stop** is missing most, the reindeer **has** antlers.

If a **question mark** is missing most, the reindeer does **not** have antlers.

The most common missing punctuation is a _____ so the reindeer...

has antlers.

does **not** have antlers.

No Clue like the Present!

Clue 2

One hair from the coat of a reindeer has been discovered on a present at the scene of the crime! Solve the clue to find out the colour of the reindeer's coat.



Each of these words can be given one of the suffixes below. Add the correct suffix to the root word and write it in the correct box below. The suffix with the most matching root words will reveal the answer.



-less



If **-less** has the most matching root words, the reindeer has a **brown coat**.

-ly



If **-ly** has the most matching root words, the reindeer has a **grey coat**.

-ful



If **-ful** has the most matching root words, the reindeer has a **black coat**.

-ment



If **-ment** has the most matching root words, the reindeer has a **white coat**.

The suffix _____ is used the most so the reindeer has a _____ coat.

Santa's Suspicion Sentences

Clue 3

Santa knows his reindeer very well so he has his own suspicions about who could have eaten the cookies! Read these sentences spoken by Santa and decide which sentence form they are to reveal the colour of the reindeer's eyes.



Sentence	statement	exclamation	command
There is one reindeer who really loves baked goods.			
How quickly they fly through the sky!			
You mustn't be too hard on them.			
What muddy hooves they have!			
My favourite reindeer is also the smallest.			
Please bake me some more cookies and let's forget all about this.			
This reindeer never eats the carrots that children leave out.			
The chimneys get smaller every year.			
Their fur is as soft as silk.			
Go and get my sleigh ready!			

If the most common sentence form is **statement**, the reindeer has **brown** eyes.

If the most common sentence form is **exclamation**, the reindeer has **gold** eyes.

If the most common sentence form is **command**, the reindeer has **blue** eyes.

The sentence form which is used most is _____ so the reindeer must have _____ eyes.

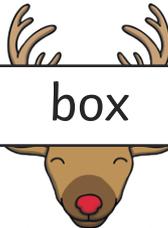
A Very Nosey Clue

Clue 4

Mrs Claus thinks she saw one of the reindeer sniffing around the kitchen window when she was baking the cookies. She didn't get a good look at the reindeer, but she did see the colour of their nose! Solve the clue to reveal the nose colour that Mrs Claus saw.



Each of these words can be made plural by adding either **s** or **es** to the end. Choose the correct word endings to reveal the answer.

 gift	 church	 carol	 box
 cake	 snowball	 fox	 stocking
 chestnut	 wish	 pudding	 tree

-s



If **-s** has been used the most, the reindeer has **a brown nose**.

-es



If **-es** has been used the most, the reindeer has **a red nose**.

The most words are made plural by adding _____ so the reindeer has a _____ nose.

A Top Secret Clue

Clue 5

Mrs Claus has revealed the secret ingredient that she puts in her special Christmas cookies! This will tell you the favourite food of the reindeer who ate the cookies.



To find out the secret ingredient, follow the path of correctly spelt common exception words.

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they	friend	wunce	asc	skool	poosh
luv	school	mee	haz	heer	wer
agen	house	where	love	said	gold
peeple	pul	wun	poot	ful	because
Krismas	hows	clas	breek	sed	kind
money	there	people	water	should	sugar
again	worter	monee	haf	evrebody	iye
busy	wiyld	prety	byootiful	cood	shood
improve	whole	Christmas	everybody	chound	defloy
clim	onlee	kold	plant	gras	pas
	cherry 	carrot 	apple 	chocolate 	

The secret ingredient in the Christmas cookies is _____ so the favourite food of the reindeer who ate them must be _____.