

Clue 1

A Hairy Situation

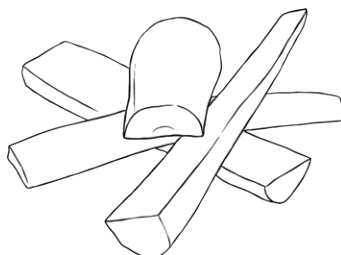
dis- obey agree	mis- behave lead	in- active credible correct	im- possible mature
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The prefix with the most matching root words is in- so the colour of the egg and spoon swindler's hair must be brown.

Clue 2

A Tasty Clue

Sentence	-tion	-sion	-ssion	-cian
We need to take action against the culprit!	✓			
Can we ask for an extension of Sports Day?		✓		
We'll need a magician to find the equipment in time!				✓
The culprit should be arrested without hesitation .	✓			
The tension in the air is unbelievable.		✓		
Do we have permission to search people's bags?			✓	
There should be an invention to stop this happening!	✓			
I hope the culprit gives a full confession .			✓	
Should we contact our local politician about this?				✓
I hope it is solved before Sports Day's completion .	✓			



The word ending which is used most is -tion so the egg and spoon swindler's favourite snack must be carrot sticks.

Clue 3

Putting Their Foot in It

The correct answer should read:

Plan to steal the eggs and spoons:

1. Get to school **early**: around **eight** o'clock.
2. Head **straight** to the **library** and go through the door onto the field.
3. Take the eggs and spoons without being **caught**. **Remember** to zip the bag back up.
4. **Disappear** behind the...

There were 7 spelling mistakes in the note so that must be the egg and spoon swindler's shoe size.

Clue 4

Years and Years

The correct path of adverbs is as follows:

Start				
completely	apply	costly	heavenly	oily
cheerfully	foolishly	lately	safely	apply
silly	jolly	orderly	gently	supply
gladly	defiantly	anxiously	cautiously	tally
frantically	belly	lonely	lovely	pearly
cruelly	usually	merrily	bubbly	curly
chilly	cuddly	always	friendly	ghastly
dragonfly	lily	totally	very	fly
multiply	motherly	wobbly	daily	afterwards
ugly	lowly	mayfly	squiggly	again
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

The egg and spoon swindler must be in Year 6 .

Clue 5

May the Best Team Win

Sentence	Missing Punctuation
I can't believe Sports Day has been ruined.	apostrophe
The headteacher asked us all, "Do you know who it was?"	inverted commas
The culprit took the eggs, spoons and some stickers from the bag.	comma
Who went in Mr Butler's bag?	apostrophe
The Flying Arrows, Bright Sparks and Brave Knights will be appalled.	comma
"Who would do this?" asked Mr Butler, despairingly.	inverted commas
I'm sure that we will find out who did this.	apostrophe
Only children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were on the field today.	comma
"I'll find the culprit," boasted the headteacher.	inverted commas
Just wait until the swindler's teacher finds out.	apostrophe

The most common piece of missing punctuation is an apostrophe so the egg and spoon swindler must be in Bright Sparks.

The egg and spoon swindler must be Helen Fletcher.