

# 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 Worker's Descriptions

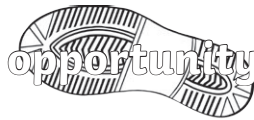
Worker's Name	Do They Wear Glasses?	Favourite Emoji	Type of Shoes	Favourite Snack	House Number
Archie Anger	yes	Poorly	trainers	chocolate	2
Barty Blithe	yes	Happy	smart shoes	biscuits	6
Briana Blue	no	Confused	smart shoes	chocolate	20
Carly Content	no	Angry	smart shoes	crisps	22
Constance Confused	no	Happy	trainers	crisps	7
Craig Cry	yes	Confused	smart shoes	chocolate	4
Frederick Fine	yes	Happy	trainers	biscuits	25
Gloria Glee	no	Poorly	smart shoes	biscuits	2
Geraint Grieve	yes	Poorly	trainers	crisps	28
Hayley Happy	no	Confused	smart shoes	chocolate	4
Jonty Joy	yes	Angry	smart shoes	chocolate	30
Meredith Merry	no	Poorly	trainers	crisps	32
Petr Peace	yes	Confused	smart shoes	biscuits	1
Penelope Pity	no	Angry	trainers	crisps	9
Roger Relaxed	yes	Angry	smart shoes	crisps	10
Sammy Sad	no	Happy	trainers	biscuits	19
Serena Serene	no	Happy	trainers	biscuits	11
Siobhan Sorrow	no	Confused	smart shoes	chocolate	5
Sean Surprise	yes	Confused	smart shoes	chocolate	10
Trevor Tense	yes	Confused	smart shoes	crisps	36

The culprit was \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 1

## Formal or Informal Footprints?

Decide whether each word or phrase in each pair of footprints uses vocabulary typical of **formal** or **informal** writing and place it under the correct pair of shoes. Both words in some pairs of footprints might go beneath only the formal or informal shoes. Whichever pair of shoes has the most words or phrases will tell you the type of shoe print that was discovered outside the emoji room at the factory.



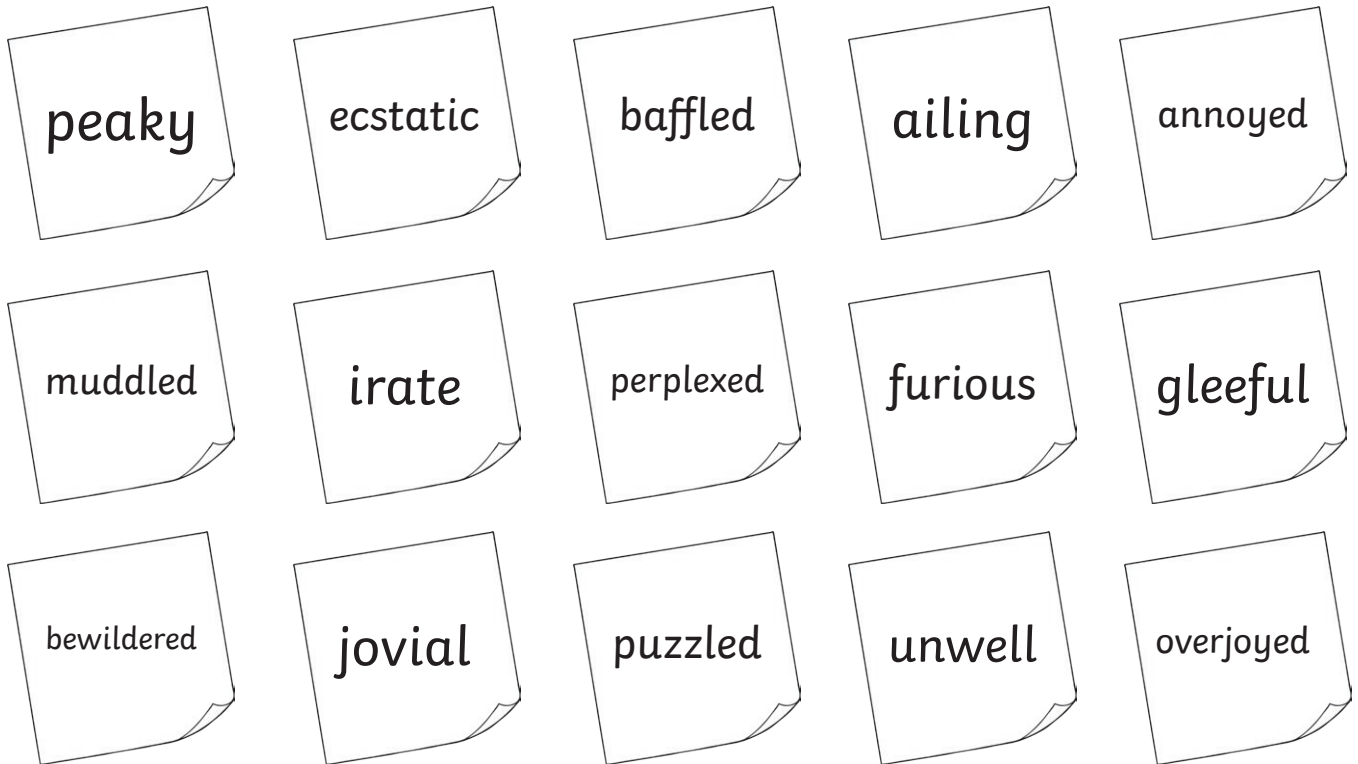
If there are more **formal** words, the culprit wore **smart shoes**. If there are more **informal** words, the culprit wore **trainers**.

The culprit wore \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 2

## Silly Synonyms

The emoji factory is always trying to think of the next hit emoji idea so the room is filled with sticky notes covered with synonyms. Find which emoji has the most synonyms and this will reveal the culprit's favourite emoji.



**Poorly**



**Confused**



**Angry**



**Happy**

The emoji with the most synonyms is \_\_\_\_\_  
so this must be the worker's favourite emoji.

# Clue 3

## Prefix Packets

An empty snack packet was found outside the emoji room. Match the words to the correct prefix to form a verb. Some of the words can go with more than one prefix. The prefix with the most words will reveal which packet was found and show the culprit's favourite snack.



The prefix with the most words is \_\_\_\_\_





so the culprit's favourite snack is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 4

## Eye-Spy the Culprit!

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

### Start

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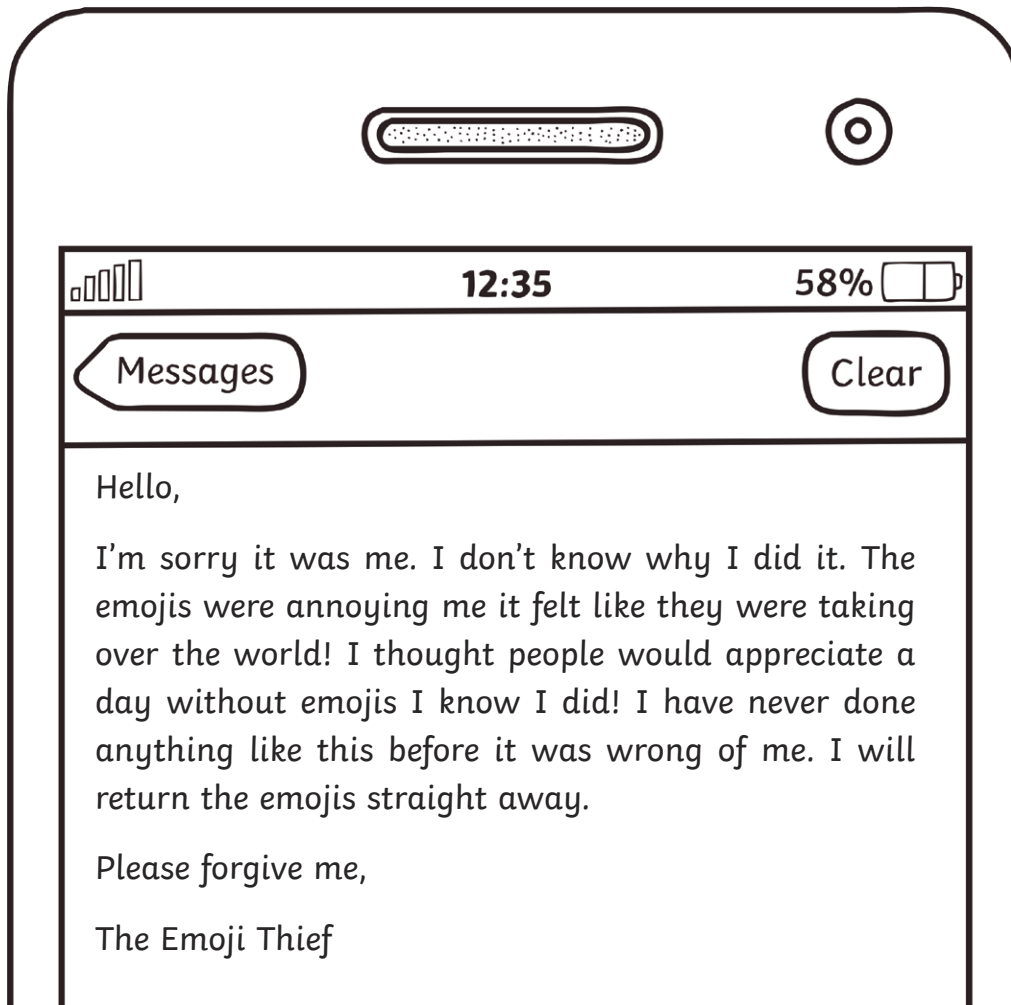
The culprit \_\_\_\_\_ glasses.

# Clue 5

## Terrible Texting

The factory owner has been sent a text message from the worker who deleted the emojis! The thief has made lots of mistakes and missed the punctuation to mark the boundaries between independent clauses (semi-colons, colons or dashes).

Circle the mistakes and then write the corrections below. The number of errors will show the house number of the culprit.



### Corrections

There are \_\_\_\_\_ missing boundaries between independent clauses so the emoji's house number is \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Clue 1: Formal or Informal Footprints?

### Formal

profession  
immediately  
opportunity  
sufficient  
sacrifice  
injustice  
spectacles

### Informal

job  
now  
chance  
enough  
give up

The culprit wore **smart shoes**.

## Clue 2: Silly Synonyms

### Poorly

peaky  
ailing  
unwell

### Confused

baffled  
muddled  
bewildered  
perplexed  
puzzled

### Angry

irate  
annoyed  
furious

### Happy

ecstatic  
overjoyed  
gleeful  
jovial

The emoji with the most synonyms is **confused** so this must be the worker's favourite emoji.

## Clue 3: Prefix Packets

### re-

connect  
act  
appoint  
do  
read  
take

### dis-

connect  
courage  
appoint  
agree

### over-





take  
act  
sleep  
do

The prefix with the most words is **re-** so the culprit's favourite snack is **chocolate**.



## Clue 4: Eye-Spy the Culprit!

Start

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variety	recognise	suficient	rhime	signiture	convinience	bruize
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The **culprit** wears glasses.

## Clue 5: Terrible Texting

**Corrections (Accept any relevant punctuation – semi-colon, colon, dash)**

I'm sorry - it was me.

The emojis were annoying me: it felt like they were taking over the world!  
I thought people would appreciate a day without emojis; I know I did!  
I have never done anything like this before; it was wrong of me.

There are **4** missing boundaries between independent clauses so the emoji's house number is **4**.

The culprit was **Craig Cry**.