

The Mystery of the Missing Mother's Day Flowers

It's the day before Mother's Day and a tragedy has happened. All of the flower shop's Mother's Day bouquets have disappeared! How will anyone be able to thank their mums for all the wonderful things they do without any flowers to give to them?

As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out where the flowers have gone. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 customers who came into the flower shop earlier today. One of them must have taken the flowers!

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 suspects.

Good luck!



Suspect Descriptions

Name	Gender	Pet	Type of Shoes	Bouquet?	Age
Antonio	M	fish	trainers	Y	13
Aster	F	cat	walking boots	Y	21
Azalea	F	dog	smart shoes	N	16
Acacia	F	dog	walking boots	N	16
Basil	M	snake	smart shoes	Y	18
Begonia	F	dog	smart shoes	N	24
Briar	M	cat	walking boots	N	29
Camellia	F	snake	smart shoes	Y	35
Cedar	M	dog	trainers	Y	16
Clover	F	dog	trainers	N	17
Daisy	F	fish	trainers	N	39
Dahlia	F	cat	walking boots	Y	14
Elm	M	fish	walking boots	Y	19
Jarred	M	fish	trainers	Y	21
Kunal	M	snake	smart shoes	N	25
Lotus	M	snake	trainers	Y	36
Marigold	F	dog	smart shoes	N	35
Narcissus	M	cat	walking boots	Y	17
Petunia	F	cat	smart shoes	Y	23
Pine	M	snake	smart shoes	N	46
Poppy	F	cat	smart shoes	N	41
Ren	M	cat	walking boots	N	15
Rose	F	snake	trainers	Y	25
Rosemary	F	dog	walking boots	N	35
Saffron	M	fish	trainers	N	43
Sage	M	snake	smart shoes	Y	33
Violet	F	fish	walking boots	N	18
William	M	dog	walking boots	Y	22
Yarrow	M	dog	trainers	N	19
Zinnia	F	dog	trainers	Y	20

Clue 1

Standard English Statements?

Below are some of the statements that the culprits gave to the police. Check whether they are in standard English or not. Give them a tick if they are and a cross if they are not.

If there are more ticks, then the culprit is male. If there are more crosses, then the culprit is female.

Statement	✓ or X
We was waiting for nearly an hour to order our flowers.	
The queue kept growing and I was starting to feel anxious so I went outside for some fresh air.	
The shopkeeper were trying her best to keep everyone happy.	
Walking into the shop, I was hit by the beautiful fragrance.	
As I waited for my bouquet, I seen a dog running from behind the shop.	
My mum ain't going to have a present now.	
The shopkeeper should have closed the shop earlier.	
I thought I heard someone shouting "I done it!" as they ran out of the shop.	



There are more _____ so the culprit is _____.

Clue 2

Perfect Presents?

These statements were given to the police by the mothers of the culprits and should be written in present perfect tense. If they are, give them a tick but if not, give them a cross.

If there are more ticks, then the culprit ordered a bouquet. If there are more crosses, then the culprit did not order a bouquet.

Statement	✓ or X
Ren has gone out to buy me a gift for Mother's Day.	
Early this morning, William went out to go shopping.	
My children have been very secretive about Mother's Day this year.	
I'll be shocked if Poppy bought any flowers for me.	
Petunia has bought me flowers every Mother's Day.	
Elm ran up to his room as soon as he got home from the shops.	
If Daisy bought anything for me, it will be chocolates.	
Flowers are my favourite gift to receive.	



There are more _____ so the culprit did/not order a bouquet.

Clue 3

Preposition Problems



Choose the correct preposition to complete each of these sentences.

Prepositions – in, on, under, behind

If you use 'in' most, then the culprit owns a dog. If you use 'on' most, then the culprit owns a cat. If you use 'under' most, then the culprit owns a fish. If you use 'behind' most, then the culprit owns a snake.



The flowers are _____ the table.



I hid _____ the wall.



I put the roses _____ a vase.



I noticed a bouquet _____ the bin.



My snake sleeps _____ a rock.



He placed the money _____ the till.



I keep my fish _____ a round tank.



My cat sleeps _____ a blue beanbag..

I used _____ most, so the culprit owns a _____ .

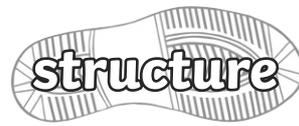
Clue 4

Family Feuds



The word families have been muddled up! Can you sort them out?

The word family with the most words in it will reveal the type of shoe print that was found at the scene of the crime.



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The family with the most words is _____, so the culprit wore _____.

Clue 5

Lost in a Word Maze...

Find your way through this maze of Y3/4 statutory spelling words. By following the path (vertically or horizontally) of correctly spelt words, you will find out what the culprit's age is.

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teens		twenties		thirties		forties

The culprit is in their _____.

The culprit is _____.

Clue 1: Standard English Statements?

Statement	✓ or X
We was waiting for nearly an hour to order our flowers.	X
The queue kept growing and I was starting to feel anxious so I went outside for some fresh air.	✓
The shopkeeper were trying her best to keep everyone happy.	X
Walking into the shop, I was hit by the beautiful fragrance.	✓
As I waited for my bouquet, I seen a dog running from behind the shop.	X
My mum ain't going to have a present now.	X
The shopkeeper should have closed the shop earlier.	✓
I thought I heard someone shouting "I done it!" as they ran out of the shop.	X

Answer to clue 1: There are more **crosses** so the culprit is **female**.

Clue 2: Perfect Presents?

Statement	✓ or X
Ren has gone out to buy me a gift for Mother's Day.	✓
Early this morning, William went out to go shopping.	X
My children have been very secretive about Mother's Day this year.	✓
I'll be shocked if Poppy bought any flowers for me.	X
Petunia has bought me flowers every Mother's Day.	✓
Elm ran up to his room as soon as he got home from the shops.	X
If Daisy bought anything for me, it will be chocolates.	X
Flowers are my favourite gift to receive.	X

Answer to clue 2: There are more **crosses** so the culprit **did not** order a bouquet.

Clue 3: Preposition Problems

The flowers are **on** the table.

I put the roses **in** a vase.

My snake sleeps **under** a rock.

I keep my fish **in** a round tank.

I hid **behind** the wall.

I noticed a bouquet **in** the bin.

He placed the money **in** the till.

My cat sleeps **on** a blue beanbag.

Answer to clue 3: I used **in** most, so the culprit owns a **dog**.

Clue 4: Family Feuds?

scope
telescope
microscope
stethoscope

struct
structure
instructor
construction
instruction
instruct

uni
unicorn
university
unique
unicycle

The family with the most words is **struct**, so the culprit wore **smart shoes**.

Clue 5: Lost in a Word Maze

Start

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teens **twenties** **thirties** **forties**

The culprit is in their **teens**.

The culprit was **Azalea**.