

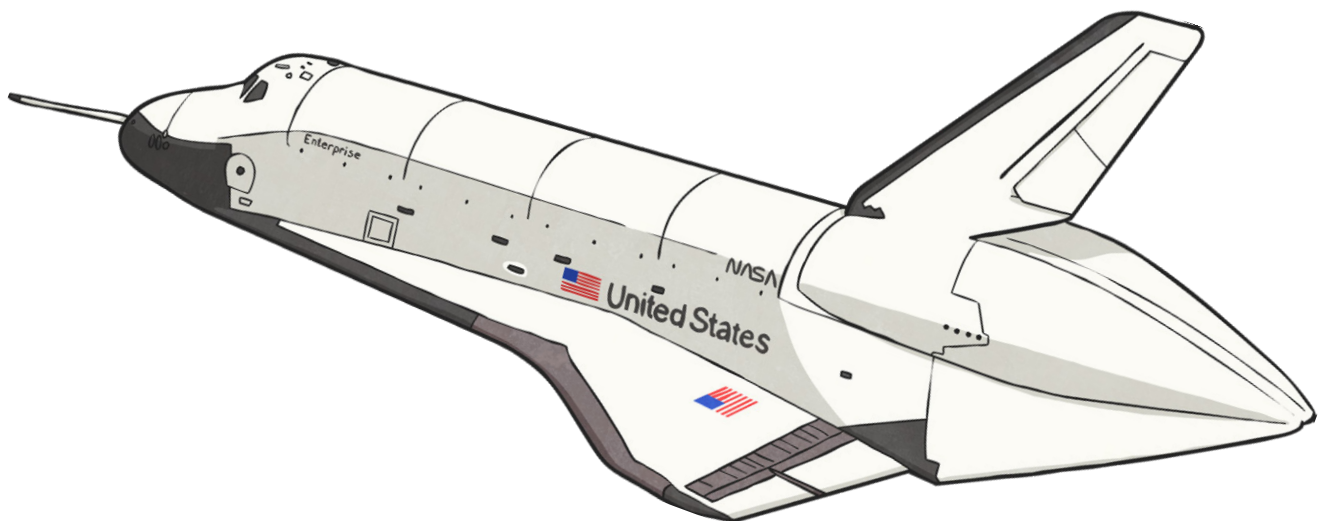
# The Mystery of the Stolen Space Food

A serious crime has been committed before the launch of the space shuttle to Mars. On the night before the rocket was due to launch, everything had been prepared and packed. When the astronauts went in to do their final checks, they found that the space food was missing!

As the detective chief inspector, it is your job to find out who has stolen the food. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 astronauts who were training during the day.

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.

**Good luck!**



# The Astronaut Descriptions

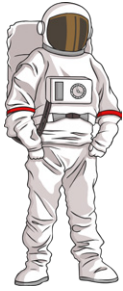
Uniform Number	Astronaut Name	Male or Female	Nationality	Colour of Uniform	Glasses	Age
1	Astrid	Female	British	Purple	Yes	31
2	Aurora	Female	American	Navy blue	Yes	32
3	Apollo	Male	Russian	Red	No	25
4	Belinda	Female	American	Navy blue	No	26
5	Comet	Male	Chinese	Red	No	35
6	Carina	Female	Chinese	Purple	No	41
7	Cassiopeia	Female	British	Orange	No	29
8	Draco	Male	British	Silver	Yes	38
9	Eos	Male	British	Silver	Yes	36
10	Esther	Female	American	Navy blue	No	33
11	Halo	Male	Chinese	Silver	No	45
12	Helene	Female	American	Orange	Yes	41
13	Juno	Female	British	Red	No	39
14	Leo	Male	Russian	Navy blue	Yes	38
15	Luna	Female	British	Navy blue	No	28
16	Lyra	Female	British	Silver	Yes	26
17	Mars	Male	Russian	Orange	No	25
18	Mercury	Male	Chinese	Orange	Yes	29
19	Miranda	Female	Chinese	Orange	Yes	39
20	Norma	Female	American	Silver	No	31
21	Nysa	Male	American	Purple	No	41
22	Orion	Male	Chinese	Red	No	45
23	Phoenix	Male	British	Purple	Yes	34
24	Portia	Female	Russian	Red	No	35
25	Rhea	Female	British	Orange	No	33
26	Rocket	Male	British	Silver	Yes	26
27	Themis	Male	British	Navy blue	No	37
28	Triton	Male	Chinese	Silver	Yes	29
29	Venus	Female	American	Orange	No	45
30	Wolf	Male	American	Silver	Yes	40

The space food thief was \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 1 - It's a Mystery!

Look at each of the words and decide whether to use 'a' or 'an' before each of them.

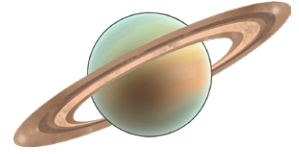
If you use 'a' more, then the culprit is male. If you use 'an' more, the culprit is female.



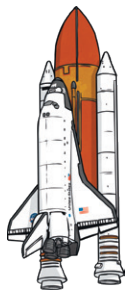
\_\_\_\_\_ spacesuit



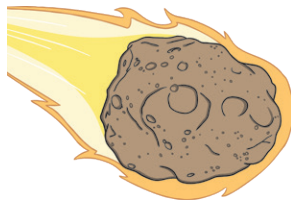
\_\_\_\_\_ astronaut



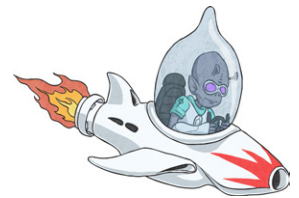
\_\_\_\_\_ planet



\_\_\_\_\_ rocket



\_\_\_\_\_ asteroid



\_\_\_\_\_ alien



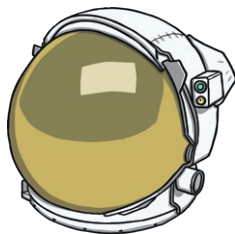
\_\_\_\_\_ eclipse



\_\_\_\_\_ comet



\_\_\_\_\_ star



\_\_\_\_\_ helmet

I used a / an most frequently so the culprit is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Clue 2 - Is It Perfect?

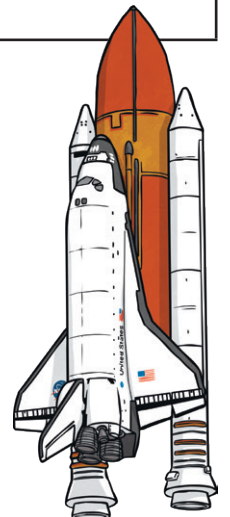
These present perfect sentences were written to describe the space mission. Decide whether they are written correctly or if they have mistakes.

If there are more ticks, then the culprit wears glasses. If there are more crosses, then the culprit does not wear glasses.

Sentence	✓ or x
The astronauts have prepared for this mission for months.	
"I have waited for this chance for years," said one of the astronauts.	
Unfortunately, the space food has disappeared from the storage cupboard.	
Mission control is delayed the takeoff.	
Tom Planets has eaten all of the space food.	
Luckily, the Space Agency will stored extra food in a safe place.	
Finally, the spare food has been packed into the rocket.	
The rocket has took off safely.	

There were \_\_\_\_\_ crosses and \_\_\_\_\_ ticks.

There were more \_\_\_\_\_ so the culprit wears / does not wear glasses.



# Clue 3 - Comma Confusion

These space sentences all include fronted adverbials but only one of them has been punctuated correctly. Find which sentence is correct and the culprit's uniform colour will be revealed.

Space sentence	✓ or x
Wearing his orange uniform Mercury prepared for his first space mission.	
As fast as a rocket, the silver meteor zoomed into the Earth's atmosphere.	
Stranded on the moon Helene, noticed the sky was turning navy blue.	
Magnified through, the telescope the craters on the red planet looked enormous.	
Putting on her purple uniform, for the first time Carina felt more proud than she ever had before.	

The colour mentioned in the correctly punctuated sentence is \_\_\_\_\_, so the culprit's uniform is \_\_\_\_\_.



# Clue 4 - Lost in a Word Vortex...

Find your way through this vortex of year 3 and year 4 spelling words. By following the path of correctly spelt words, you will find out what the culprit's nationality is. You can only move horizontally or vertically.

## Start

answer	business	century	busy	dissapear	calender	breethe
adress	ocassion	forwords	favourite	weight	centre	experement
bycycle	acidentally	eigth	corght	exersise	circle	Febuary
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potatos	women	although	popular	guide	accident	question
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promis	offten	supos	raign	probally	actually	posession
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island	seperate	minute	surprize	though	posess	possible

**British**



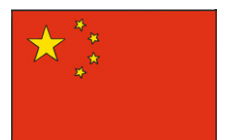
**Russian**



**American**



**Chinese**



The culprit's nationality is \_\_\_\_\_.



# Clue 5 - To Apostrophe or Not to Apostrophe?

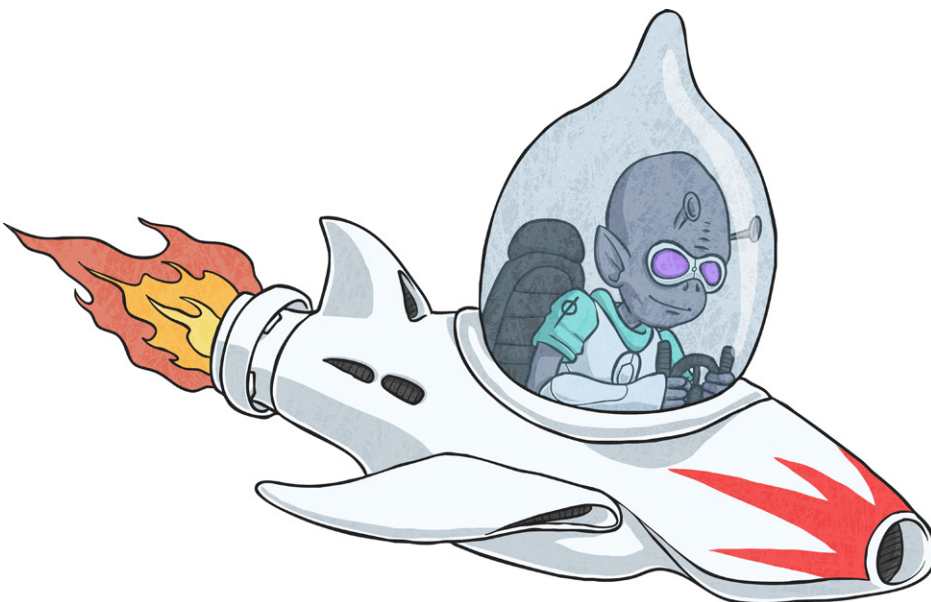
These space sentences all need apostrophes for possession. Read them carefully to check whether they have used apostrophes correctly.

If there are more ticks, then the culprit is less than 30 years old. If there are more crosses, then the culprit is more than 30 years old.

Space sentence	✓ or x
As I was entering the space shuttle, I tripped over the captain's boots.	
Space walks are fun but it is important to check your helmets seal's before leaving the space station.	
The planets's rocks will be studied while we are there.	
Seeing the aliens' vehicles approaching made us all panic.	
The astronauts are always happy to see their families' faces when they make video calls back home once a week.	

There were \_\_\_\_\_ crosses and \_\_\_\_\_ ticks.

There were more \_\_\_\_\_ so the culprit is less than / more than 30 years old.



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## Answers

### Clue 1 - It's a Mystery!

A spacesuit	An alien
An astronaut	An eclipse
A planet	A comet
A rocket	A star
An asteroid	A helmet

I used **a** / an most frequently so the culprit is **male**.

### Clue 2 - Is It Perfect?

Sentence	✓ or x
The astronauts have prepared for this mission for months.	✓
"I have waited for this chance for years," said one of the astronauts.	✓
Unfortunately, the space food has disappeared from the storage cupboard.	✓
Mission control is delayed the takeoff.	x
Tom Planets has eaten all of the space food.	✓
Luckily, the Space Agency will stored extra food in a safe place.	x
Finally, the spare food has been packed into the rocket.	✓
The rocket has took off safely.	x

There were **3** crosses and **5** ticks. There were more **ticks** so the culprit **does wear** glasses.

### Clue 3 - Comma Confusion

Space sentence	✓ or x
Wearing his orange uniform Mercury prepared for his first space mission.	x
As fast as a rocket, the silver meteor zoomed into the Earth's atmosphere.	✓
Stranded on the moon Helene, noticed the sky was turning navy blue.	x
Magnified through, the telescope the craters on the red planet looked enormous.	x
Putting on her purple uniform, for the first time Carina felt more proud than she ever had before.	x

The colour mentioned in the correctly punctuated sentence is **silver** so the culprit's uniform is **silver**.



**Clue 4 - Lost in a Word Vortex...**

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notis	hurd	increese	hart	learn	imagine	intrest
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peculliar	library	material	experience	particular	length	variouse
naughty	remember	sentance	posishun	pirhaps	thru	oposite
island	seperate	minute	surprize	though	posess	possible

**British**

**Russian**

**American**

**Chinese**

The culprit's nationality is **British**.

**Clue 5 - To Apostrophe or Not to Apostrophe?**

Space sentence	✓ or x
As I was entering the space shuttle, I tripped over the captain's boots.	✓
Space walks are fun but it is important to check your helmets seal's before leaving the space station.	x
The planets's rocks will be studied while we are there.	x
Seeing the aliens' vehicles approaching made us all panic.	✓
The astronauts are always happy to see their families' faces when they make video calls back home once a week.	✓

There were **2** crosses and **3** ticks. There were more **ticks** so the culprit is **less than** 30 years old.

**The space food thief was Rocket.**