**The Mystery of the Tangled Tinsel**

# Instructions

A serious crime has been committed in Lapland. It is a week before Christmas and Santa is getting ready for the big light switch on tomorrow evening, but the lights and decorations have been found in a terrible tangle.



As the Detective Chief Inspector, it is your job to find out who has ransacked the decorations. Your officers have taken down the names and descriptions of the 30 elves who were tasked with decorating the town and, most importantly, the giant Christmas tree.

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 Elf Descriptions

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| **Elf Name** | **Male or Female** | **Job in the Workshop** | **Colour of Outfit** | **Height (for an elf!)** | **Favourite**  **Christmas**  **Decoration** |
| Angel Applepie | F | manufacturing | red | short | angels |
| Bubble Bell | M | loading | green | tall | bells |
| Christy Cheer | M | loading | blue | medium | angels |
| Cookie Candy | F | designing | green | short | baubles |
| Dazzle Droopysocks | M | wrapping | yellow | medium | angels |
| Delight Dimples | F | loading | blue | medium | stars |
| Elfina Evergreen | F | manufacturing | blue | short | bells |
| Elvis Elf | M | designing | yellow | medium | baubles |
| Fizz Frosty | M | designing | yellow | short | bells |
| Glitter Glimmer | F | wrapping | blue | tall | angels |
| Glow Gleam | M | wrapping | red | medium | bells |
| Holly Happy | F | manufacturing | yellow | tall | angels |
| Ivy Imp | F | loading | green | tall | bells |
| Jolly Jingle | M | manufacturing | red | tall | bells |
| Joy Jangle | F | designing | blue | short | baubles |

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| Lulu Love | F | loading | green | tall | stars |
| Merry Miracle | F | designing | yellow | medium | stars |
| Noel Nipper | M | manufacturing | green | tall | bells |
| Poinsettia Pine | F | wrapping | yellow | tall | baubles |
| Pompom Partypie | M | manufacturing | red | tall | bells |
| Rudy Ribbon | M | manufacturing | yellow | medium | stars |
| Sparkle Star | M | loading | blue | short | bells |
| Snowflake Satin | F | wrapping | green | short | angels |
| Sugarplum Shimmer | F | designing | red | medium | stars |
| Tinsel Tazz | M | designing | green | short | stars |
| Tiny Twinkletoes | M | manufacturing | red | tall | bells |
| Topper Tumbles | M | manufacturing | red | short | bells |
| Winter Wonder | F | wrapping | blue | tall | angels |
| Yule Yummy | M | loading | green | medium | baubles |

**The tinsel tangler was Clue 1 - Advent Adverbials**

The elves have been writing about Christmas but some have forgotten where the commas should be! Check which ones are correct. If they are, give them a tick. If they are incorrect, give them a cross. If you have more ticks, the culprit is a female.

If you have more crosses, the culprit is a male.

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| **Advent Adverbial** | ✓ **or x** |
| While, we make the presents we often sing together. |  |
| Late on Christmas Eve, Santa can be seen flying through the sky. |  |
| With care and attention all of the presents are made, in Santa’s workshop. |  |
| Like beautiful jewels the lights, sparkle on Santa’s giant Christmas tree |  |
| Flying across the sky, Santa and the reindeer rush to deliver all the gifts in time. |  |
| Under the tree lots of beautifully wrapped presents, wait to be opened. |  |
| After a busy night Santa, and the reindeer enjoy a long holiday. |  |

**There were crosses and ticks. There were more so the culprit is male / female.**

**Clue 2 - Magical Maze!**

Find your way through this maze of Y5/6 statutory spelling words. By following the path (vertically or horizontally) of correctly spelled words, you will find out what the culprit’s favourite Christmas decorations are.

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| relavent | shoulder | communicate | programme | determined | stomach | variaty |
| symbal | lightnning | imediate | thorugh | perswade | foreign | langwage |
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| averige | cemetary | twelth | system | excellant | neccessary | equiped |
| vegtable | espesially | hindrence | identity | frequently | parliament | exaggerate |
| critisize | privilige | aparent | ocupy | proffession | signiture | muscle |
| consience | pronunciation | achieve | equip | committee | disastrous | queue |
| develope | leisure | sudgest | equiptment | bargin | bruize | convinience |
| definate | individual | ancient | secretary | desperate | marvelous | recognize |
| consious | curiousity | orkward | explaination | sincere | sufficient | nusance |
| corespond | acording | sacrifise | goverment | agressive | dictionary | familiar |
| embarrass | mischevious | rhyme | phisycal | guarantee | enviroment | controversy |
| **stars** |  | **baubles** |  | **angels** |  | **bells** |
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**The culprit’s favourite Christmas decorations are**

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**Clue 3**

# Santa’s Relative Clauses

Santa has been reading the police descriptions of the elves but has noticed that many of the relative pronouns are missing! Can you fill in the gaps with **who**, **whose** or **which**?

If you use **who** most, the culprit is short.

If you use **whose** most, the culprit is medium.



If you use **which** most, the culprit is tall.

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| **Sentence with Relative Pronoun Missing** | **Who, Whose or Which?** |
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| Poinsettia Pine, favourite Christmas decorations are baubles, is remarkably tall for an elf. |  |
| Snowflake Satin wears a green outfit, is too big for her because she is quite short. |  |
| Delight Dimples collects stars, are her favourite Christmas decorations. |  |
| Lulu Love, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is very tall, is usually given the job of putting the star on top of the Christmas tree. |  |
| Angel Applepie always wants to put angels, are her favourite decoration, at the top of tree. |  |
| Glitter Glimmer wears a blue outfit, is a bit short on her because she is exceptionally tall for an elf. |  |

I used **who** times.

I used **whose** times. I used **which** times.

I used most so the culprit is short / medium / tall.



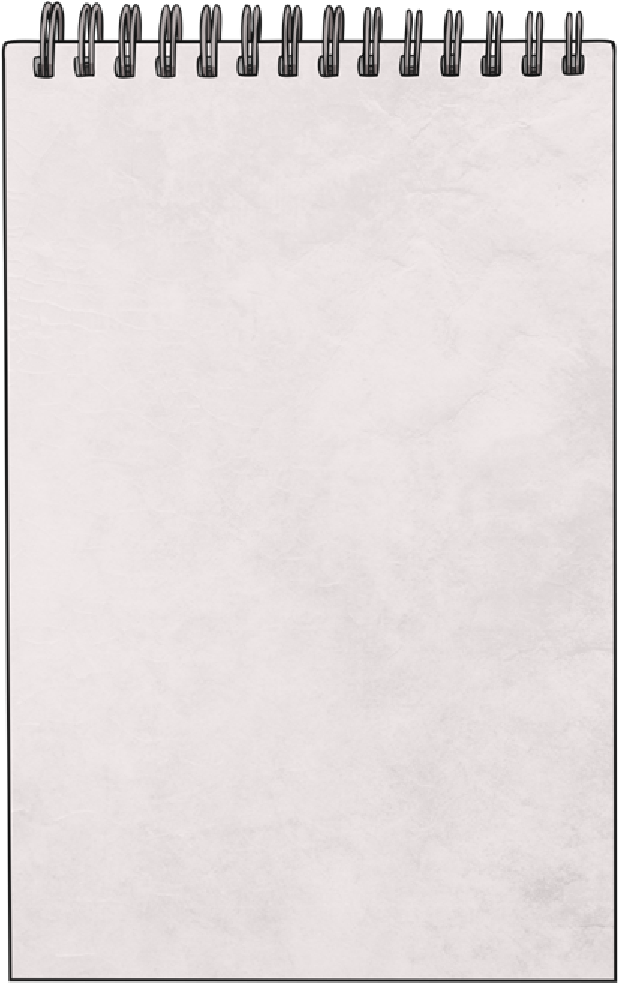
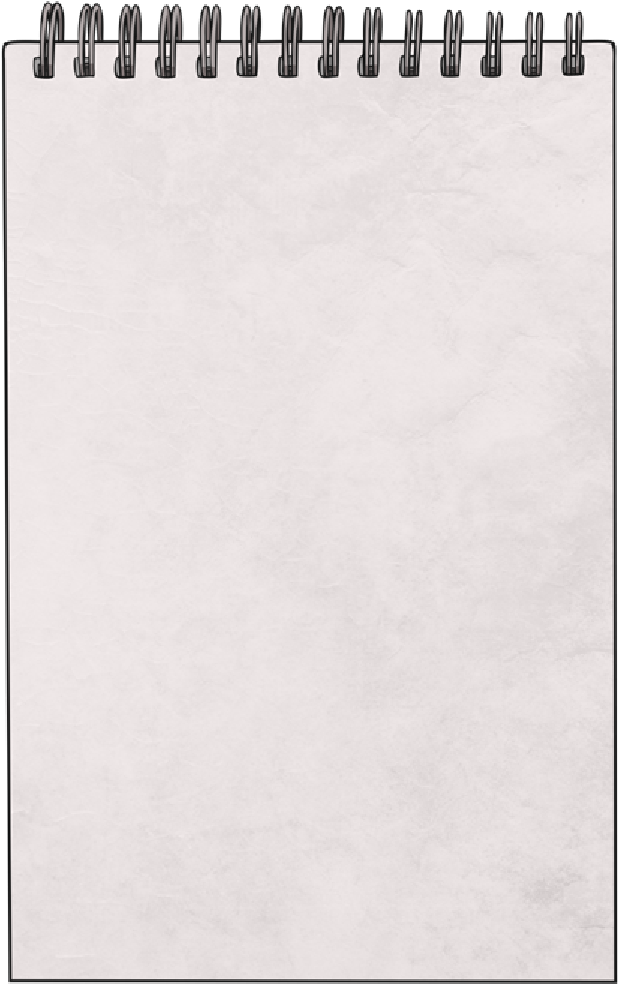
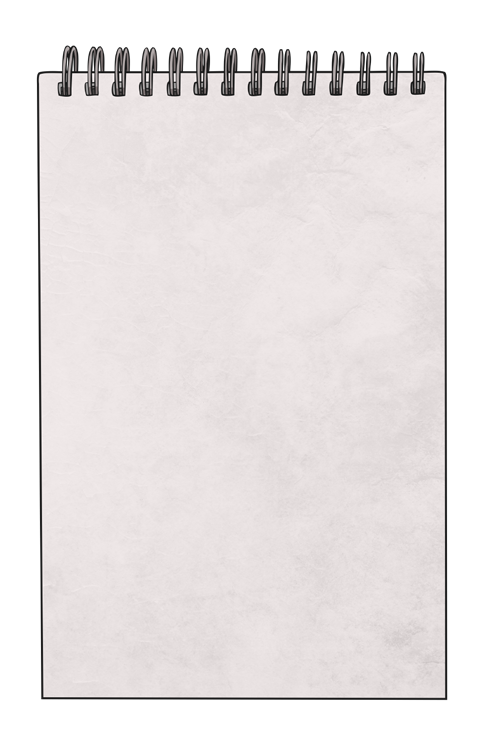
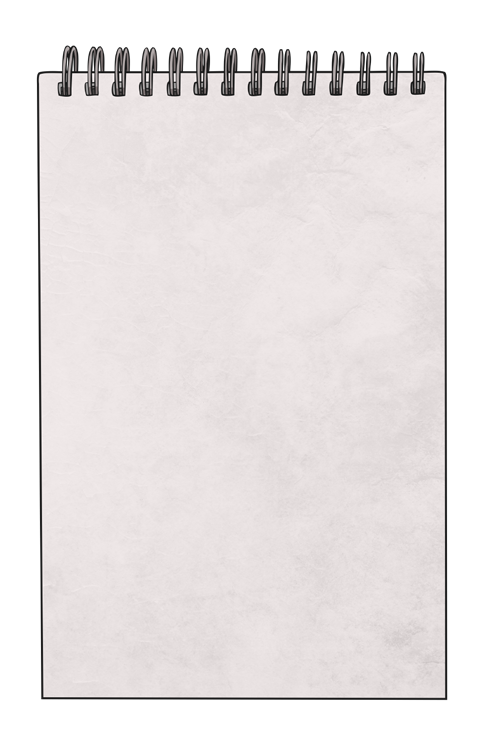
**Clue 4 - Silly or Sensible Synonyms?**

Match the words the silly elves use to describe their jobs to the actual job titles. Whichever one has the most synonyms is the job of the culprit.

planning producing making bundling packing

constructing tying sketching assembling

building drafting



**Designing**

**Manufacturing**

**Wrapping**

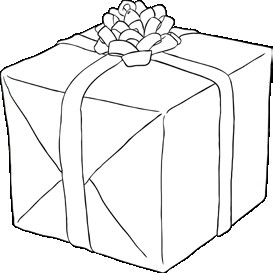
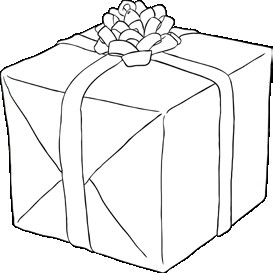
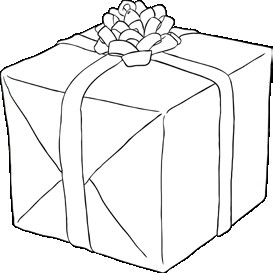
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The word with the most synonyms is , so that is the culprit’s job in the workshop.

# Clue 5 - Present Prefixes

With all the chaos this police investigation has caused, these presents have been muddled up! In order to help sort them for delivery, you need to match them to the correct verb prefix.

Whichever verb prefix has the most words with it will reveal the colour of the culprit’s outfit.



**appoint**

**fuse**

**treat**

**read**

**come**

**sleep**

**connect**

**code**

**spell**

**act**

**flow**

**courage**

**place**

**estimate**



**dis-**

**de-**

**over-**

**mis-**

**The prefix I used the most was**

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**so the culprit’s outfit is**

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Clue 1 - Advent Adverbials **Answers**

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| Like beautiful jewels the lights, sparkle on Santa’s giant Christmas tree | **x** |
| Flying across the sky, Santa and the reindeer rush to deliver all the gifts in time. | ✓ |
| Under the tree lots of beautifully wrapped presents, wait to be opened. | **x** |
| After a busy night Santa, and the reindeer enjoy a long holiday. | **x** |

There were **5** crosses and **2** ticks.

There were more **crosses** so the culprit is **male** / female.

## Clue 2 - Magical Maze! **Answers**

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| fo | rty | recommend | | | acompany | availible | | vehical | | comunity | | prejudis | |
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| relavent | | shoul | | der | communicate | programme | | determined | | stomach | | variaty | |
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| averige | | cemetary | | | twelth | sys | tem | excellant | | neccessary | | equiped | |
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| consious | | curiousity | | | orkward | explaination | | sin | cere | sufficient | | nusance | |
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| corespond | | acording | | | sacrifise | goverment | | agressive | | dicti | onary | familiar | |
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| embarrass | | mischevious | | | rhyme | phisycal | | guarantee | | enviroment | | contr | oversy |
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| **stars** | |  | | | **baubles** |  | | **angels** | |  | | **bells** | |
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The culprit’s favourite Christmas decorations are **bells.**

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I used **who 2** times.

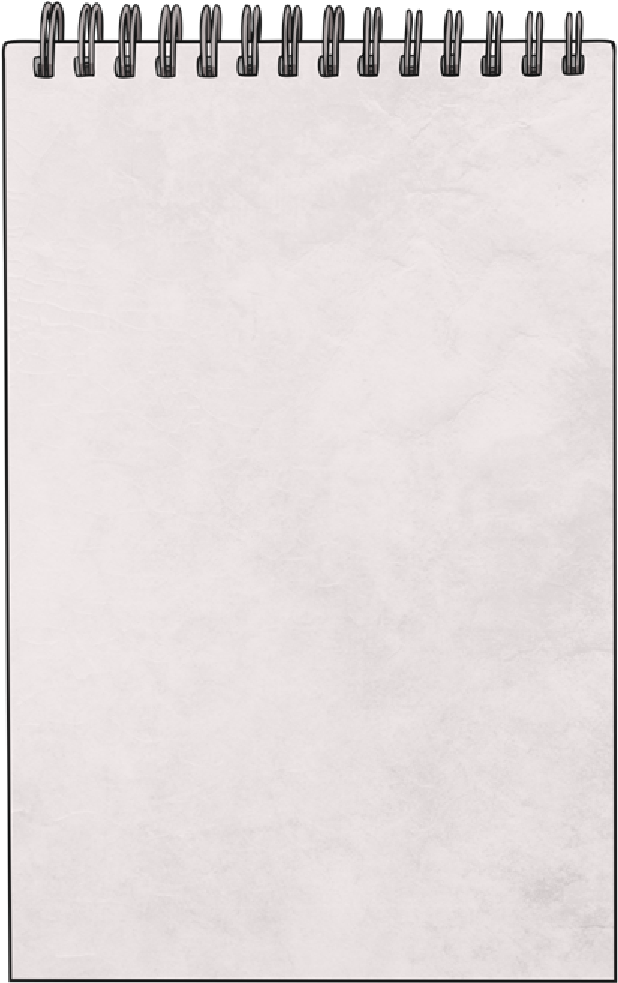
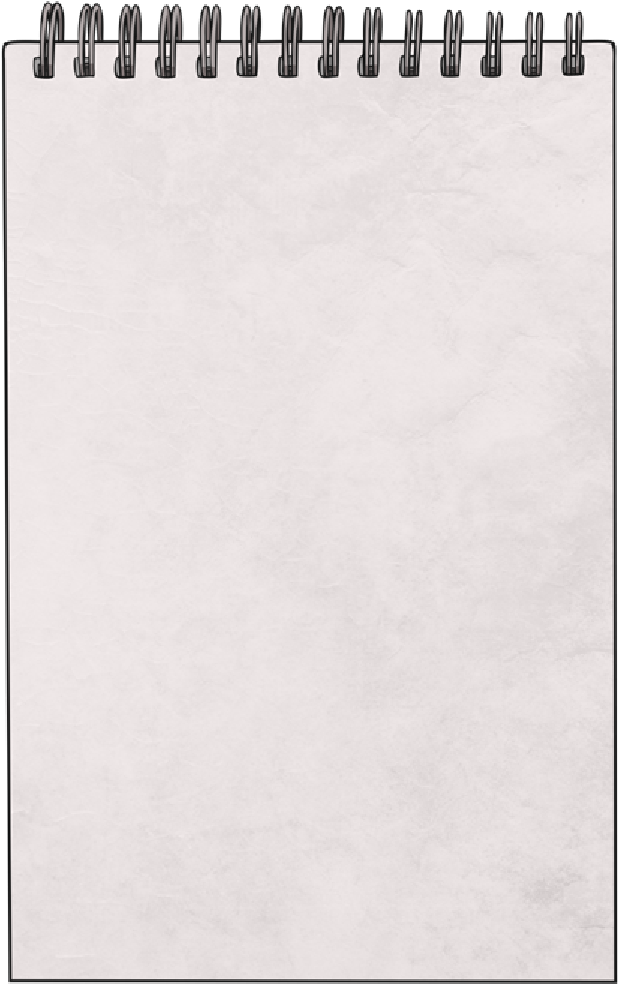
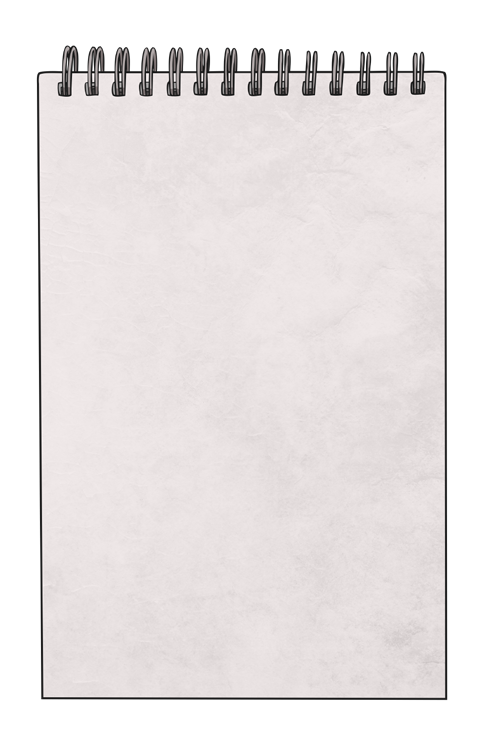
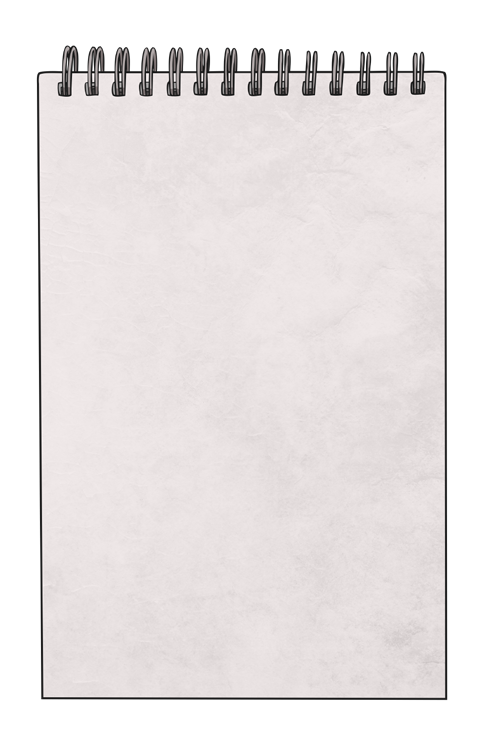
I used **whose 1** time.

I used **which 4** times.

I used **which** most so the culprit is short / medium / **tall.**

Clue 4 - Silly or Sensible Synonyms?

**Answers**



planning

sketching

drafting

making

producing

assembling

constructing

building

packing

bundling

tying

**Designing**

**Manufacturing**

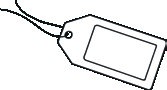
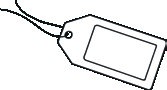
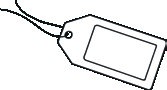
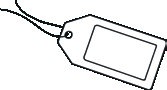
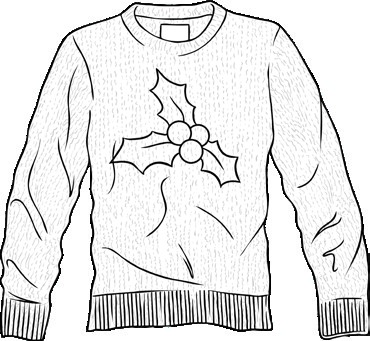
**Wrapping**

**Loading**

The word with the most synonyms is **manufacturing**, so that is the culprit’s job in the workshop.

(Some children might place packing with wrapping, which is also a possible synonym.)

## Clue 5 - Present Prefixes **Answers**



**yellow**

**blue**

**green**

**red**

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| **dis-** | **de-** | **over-** | **mis-** |
| appoint connect courage | fuse  code | come sleep act  flow estimate | treat read spell place |

The prefix I used the most was **over-**, so the culprit’s outfit is **green**.

The tinsel tangler was **Noel Nipper.**