

Clue 1 – Nouns

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Take the 4th letter of any abstract nouns. For concrete nouns: take the 1st letter of common nouns; the 2nd letter of proper nouns and the 3rd letter of collective nouns.

Stacey pulled back her hood. Hope was fading fast. Gnats swarmed around Helen, some settling on her nose. Adrian, sensing the uncertainty, crossed the river warily, surrounded by a cloud of flies. Stacey thought she heard a hyena laughing. An eagle glided overhead, its eyes spotting vultures feeding below. A pride of lions hunting plovers disturbed an elephant, which in turn frightened a herd of swine who stampeded towards Rodney. Panicking, his nails scratched his wrist as he lowered his camouflage hood before running madly, his precious opal safely stored in his small silk sack. Panting heavily, he noticed a swarm of bees milling around an owl which was holed up in a large tree. The team gathered together, relieved to have escaped the recent danger and looking forward to reaching safety. Adrian and Stacey held hands, their eyes showing the pride they both felt. The courage, which had brought them to Kenya and to the slow-flowing Tsavo, was still flickering.

Later, they visited the supermarket which they entered via a flight of stairs. They bought food and some Destroyer – to combat the army of ants that could be found on the same ledge as their Nescafe.

Clue 2 – Noun Phrases - answers

The number at the end of each sentence shows which word in a noun phrase forms part of the clue.

Eg The two older children showed no love for the leftover school spag bol. (4,2,4)

The two older children showed no love for the leftover school spag bol. = Children love spag.

The girl in the fourth row of the plane removed the original wrapper from her new dress. (1,2,3) The straps were decorated with sequins that were blue or green. (2,3) The pilot with recently cut hair began to prepare for take-off. Leaving the airport shrouded with mist, a sharp turn would need to be executed. (4,2)

Sharp scissors were used by the stewardesses in their new red and blue uniforms to open the carefully prepared boxes of sandwiches. (2,4,2) One of the newly replaced light bulbs flickered in the toilet by the exit and then finally stopped working. (5,3)

“Someone needs to complain to the company with the maintenance contract,” complained the black-suited passenger. (1,3,2) His brown curly hair tinged with grey remained unbrushed. (4)

The original dress straps were cut off with sharp scissors and carefully replaced by someone with black hair.

Clue 3 – Adverbials

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When 2nd How 1st Where 4th Why 5th

James stopped in front of the department store because he spotted the person he was trying to ambush. He ducked behind the Doctor Who display very quickly and boldly he opened the cupboard door marked 'Private'. Once adjusted to the dim light, he spotted a catapult high up on the third shelf next to a box of mouldy grapes. His first shot hit an old lady beside the summer dress rack. He retreated so quickly! He reloaded his catapult with raspberries from just beside that box of grapes. (10)

As it began to strike 10 o'clock he let fly at his arch enemy because he realised he would be caught. Two security guards appeared from behind the Fall Fashions display. Standing two metres apart, the guards stared. James ran because he knew it was time to escape. (5)

Not looking at the shoppers around him, he raced past the new-born nappy packs and into the street. In many ways, he was lucky. Staying well within the warmth of the store, the guards had given up the chase. Just beyond the United ground, he stopped running. He saw his father's car further up Kingdom Street. (6)

The person who very boldly adjusted the dress so that it would fall apart was not born in the United Kingdom.

Clue 4 – Forming adjectives

Form an adjective from each of the nouns in brackets by adding the correct suffix. The number tells you which column the clue word is found in. eg “Form an ___1___ (*order*) queue,” said the ___2___ (*mystery*) man with a strong ___3___ (*region*) accent. = We love SPaG

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Following the ___1___ (*accidental*) spillage of shampoo on the formerly ___2___ (*spotless*) pure, white carpet, it was now a ___3___ (*daily*) ritual for ___4___ (*ladylike*) Mrs Pemberton to wash it. However things were about to get worse – much worse. Two-year-old Jennifer, who later in life would develop a ___5___ (*photographic*) memory, had been watching her mother’s ___6___ (*customary*) practice of emptying her potty. At 10 o’clock Jennifer was sat on her potty. After a ___7___ (*successful*) time responding to her ___8___ (*basic*) body urges, she had filled this. She had previously seen her mother tip the potty over above the toilet to empty it; so it seemed ___9___ (*logical*) that tipping it up would be a ___10___ (*useful*) thing to do.

Her mother was tending to the ___1___ (*momentary*) distraction of her mobile phone as Jennifer walked to the landing railing and tipped the ___2___ (*smelly*) contents out. As the ___3___ (*poisonous*) fumes drifted towards Mrs Pemberton’s nose, Jennifer looked for approval. She felt ___4___ (*nervous*) as she saw her mother react and looked a little ___5___ (*sheepish*).

“You ___6___ (*fool*) girl!” Mrs Pemberton bellowed as she ran in a ___7___ (*warlike*) manner towards the ___8___ (*messy*) antique hall table which had received most of the potty’s contents. This was undoubtedly a ___9___ (*costly*) incident. Furthermore, the new Ocean Breeze air freshener seemed ___10___ (*useles*) in the face of such overpowering odours. She did at last begin to see the ___1___ (*funny*) side of the episode as the ___2___ (*rhythmic*) sound of the traffic thundered outside.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
al	Lady	second	SPaG	for	pilot	one	Chinese	tutor	has	the
ary	job	Wales	can	by	will	an	security	invest	week	two
ful	Can	Pemby	Hall	one	guilty	not	employee	catch	pilot	a
ic	First	alphabet	once	you	fire	years	person	who	must	go
ical	same	gardener	Peng	age	the	bed	dress	melon	strap	as
ish	valet	sabotage	dress	by	letter	in	old	strap	who	can
less	about	Henrietta	first	now	male	more	chauffeur	fall	then	of
like	The	invest	catch	to	stap	guilty	the	PA	six	see
ly	We	waiter	needs	six	the	four	suspect	four	half	less
ous	ago	love	with	a	lose	clean	Spag Face	third	apart	one
y	the	starting	three	she	online	again	female	second	three	able

Clue 5— Antonyms

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Cut out the left hand column of words. Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Cut out the words in the right hand column. Match up the antonyms. The clue reads down on the right hand words.

alive	dead	the
always	never	person
asleep	awake	who
better	worse	chan
blunt	sharp	ged
bright	dull	the
cheap	expensive	straps
entrance	exit	of
fail	succeed	the

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first	last	spag
giant	dwarf	dress
hero	coward	isle
lend	borrow	ss
noisy	quiet	than
outside	inside	thi
shallow	deep	rty
tight	loose	year
wild	tame	sold

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admit	deny	the
advance	retreat	person
backward	forward	who
conceal	reveal	chan
conductor	insulator	ged
dawn	dusk	the
encourage	discourage	straps
expand	contract	of
forget	remember	the

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guilty	innocent	spag
horizontal	vertical	dress
internal	external	isle
minimum	maximum	ss
optimist	pessimist	than
question	answer	thi
singular	plural	rty
transparent	opaque	year
victory	defeat	sold

Answers

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4. Lady Henrietta needs to fire an employee who has a job starting with a letter in the second half of the alphabet.
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This identifies Sue Higgins as the culprit.