

Clue Number 1

Use the table below to work out the words in the clue, then make a sentence out of the words.

	A	B	C	D
1	found	hedge	bowl	was
2	green	a	cat	for
3	lost	table	tray	sleigh
4	have	light	paint	beard
5	cupboard	door	jar	on
6	carpet	after	the	bells
7	box	kept	heavy	strands
8	hair	book	curtain	presents
9	jump	hats	were	gold
10	blanket	the	saw	pack

B4 light

D5 on

A1 found

A8 hair

C9 were

D7 strands

C3 tray

B10 the

Clue Light hair strands were found on the tray.

Clue Number 2

Below is a coded message. Each letter of the alphabet has been replaced with a new letter. The first four have been done for you. Continue the alphabet in order until it is complete, then look to the right of each letter to find what it has replaced.

M	=	A	V	=	J	E	=	S
N	=	B	W	=	K	F	=	T
O	=	C	X	=	L	G	=	U
P	=	D	Y	=	M	H	=	V
Q	=	E	Z	=	N	I	=	W
R	=	F	A	=	O	J	=	X
S	=	G	B	=	P	K	=	Y
T	=	H	C	=	Q	L	=	Z
U	=	I	D	=	R		=	

Rewrite the letters to solve the coded message. The first word has been solved for you.

FTQ	QXR	EQQZ	DGZZUZS	MIMK
The	elf	seen	running	away
RDAY	FTQ	FDMK	TMP	M
from	the	tray	had	a
DQP	TMF	AZ		
red	hat	on		

Clue Number 3

Use the grid and the coordinates to work out the clue.

5	A	F	K	P	U
4	B	G	L	Q	V
3	C	H	M	R	W
2	D	I	N	S	X
1	E	J	O	T	Y
0	1	2	3	4	5

(4,1)(2,3)(1,1) / (4,1)(2,3)(2,2)(1,1)(2,5) / (2,3)(1,5)(1,2) /

The thief had

(5,5)(4,2)(1,1)(1,2) / (1,5) / (1,4)(3,1)(5,2) / (4,1)(3,1) /

used a box to

(4,2)(4,1)(1,5)(3,2)(1,2) / (3,1)(3,2) / (4,1)(3,1) /

stand on to

(4,3)(1,1)(1,5)(1,3)(2,3) / (4,1)(2,3)(1,1) / (4,1)(4,3)(1,5)(5,1)

reach the tray

Clue The thief had used a box to stand on to reach the tray.

Clue Number 4

Work out these calculations to solve the clue.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60

$$(4 \times 12)(240 \div 10)(3 \times 6) / (2 \times 24)(300 - 276)(96 - 70)(54 \div 3)(345 - 325) /$$

The thief

$$(4 \times 4)(88 \div 2)(64 - 26)(800 \div 20)(240 \div 6)(9 \times 2)(32 \div 2) /$$

dropped

$$(30+18)(120 \div 5)(108 \div 6)(13 \times 2)(100-56) /$$

their

$$(11 \times 2) (12 \times 3 - 4) (1156 - 1146)(23 \times 2)(112 - 66)(859 - 841)(110 - 64) /$$

glasses

$$(3 \times 3 + 5)(280 \div 28) (92 \div 2) (2 \times 2 \times 2 + 10) /$$

case

$$(4 \times 9)(162 \div 9)(500 \div 5 - 90)(189 - 145) / (4 \times 7 + 20)(8 \times 3)(278 - 260) /$$

near the

$$(463 - 415)(22 \times 2)(924 - 914)(174 \div 3)$$

tray

Clue The thief dropped their glasses case near the tray.

Clue Number 5

Use the codes below to solve the last clue. Then can you unscramble the sentence? Good luck!

A	. _	J	. _ _ _	S	...
B	_ ...	K	_ . _	T	_
C	_ . _ .	L	. _ ...	U	.. _
D	_ ..	M	_ _	V	... _ _
E	.	N	_ .	W	. _ _
F	.. _ .	O	_ _ _	X	_ . . _
G	_ _ .	P	. _ _ .	Y	_ . _ _
H	Q	_ _ . _	Z	_ _ . .
I	..	R	. _ .		

. _ _ . / .. / .

pie

_ / / .

the

. _ _ / . _ / ...

was

_ / ... / ... / ... / .. _

thief

_ _ / .. / _ . / _ . . / .

mince

... . / . / _ _ / . _ / / .

female

Clue The mince pie thief was female.

Answer: The thief is Tinsel the elf.