

The Mystery of the Broken Bucket

Everyone on Pudding Lane had been working hard to put out the fire that had been burning for days. They had used hundreds of buckets of water and more were needed to dampen the blaze. However, as Thomas Farrinor went to refill his bucket, he found that someone had put a hole in the bottom of it!

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out who has made a hole in Thomas Farrinor's bucket. You have taken down the names and descriptions of 20 people who live on Pudding Lane. There are also five important clues that have been discovered.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and find the culprit before Pudding Lane burns down?

Good luck!



Pudding Lane Resident Descriptions

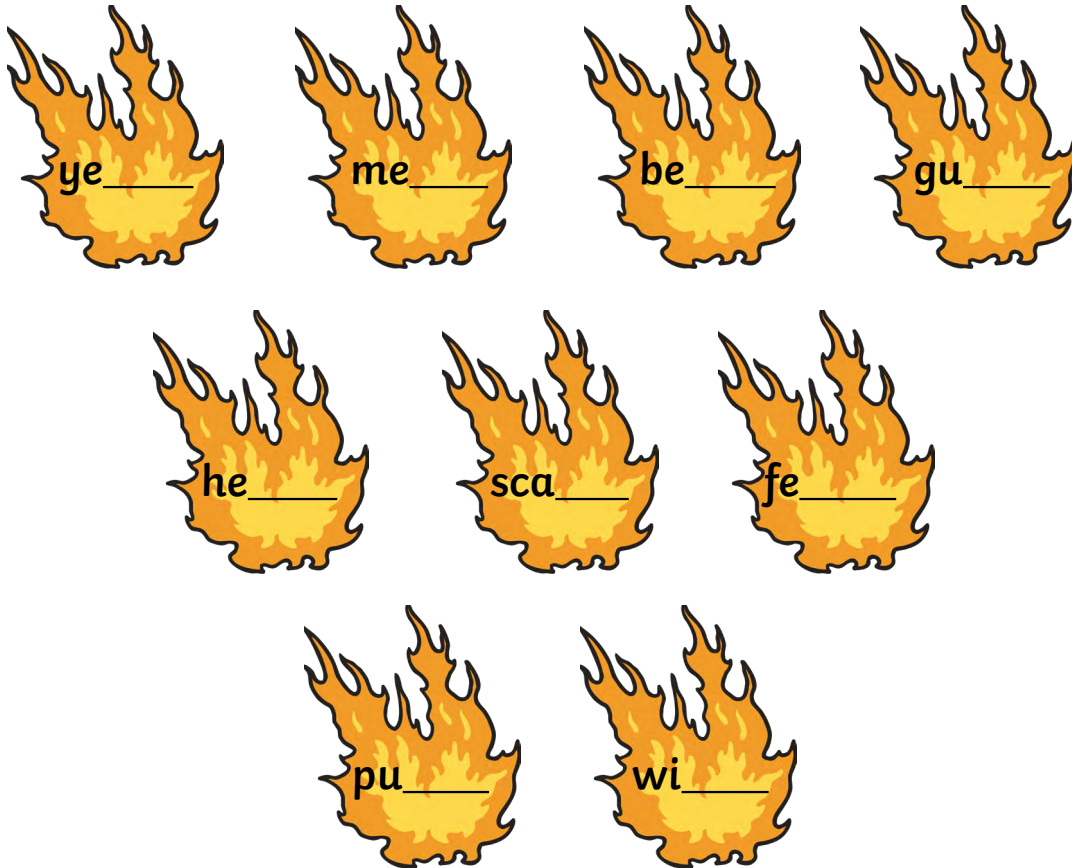
Name	Male Or Female?	Hair Colour	Job	Shoe Size	Door Number
Avice Stanbury	female	grey	grocer	8	2
Batholomew Roberts	male	blonde	butcher	7	4
Beatrice Leventhorpe	female	brown	baker	6	6
Christopher Bende	male	grey	grocer	8	2
Ediva Burgh	female	ginger	fishmonger	4	8
Edward Claybrook	male	black	butcher	9	10
Godwin Kesteven	male	brown	grocer	7	12
Hamo Wymer	male	blonde	baker	5	6
Isolde Horton	female	brown	fishmonger	9	8
Jacob Clifton	male	grey	grocer	8	4
Janet Bigley	female	ginger	butcher	6	12
Joseph Mylett	male	blonde	grocer	10	10
Mildred Bostock	female	black	baker	4	4
Muriel Barnes	female	grey	fishmonger	8	12
Rose Sedlow	female	blonde	butcher	6	6
Sabine Samuel	female	brown	baker	5	2
Samuel Dixon	male	grey	grocer	7	2
Sigric Chechester	male	ginger	fishmonger	9	10
Theda Peele	female	black	butcher	6	8
Tobias Scrogs	male	grey	grocer	8	6

The prankster who broke the bucket must have been_____.

Clue 1

What's Their Agenda

Each of these words has two letters missing. Add the missing letters and write the word in the correct box, making sure to spell them correctly. The words with the most common spelling pattern will show whether the bucket breaker is male or female.



lp

If most words have **lp** the bucket breaker is **male**.

lt

If most words have **lt**, the bucket breaker is **female**.

The letters _____ are used the most.

Is the bucket breaker male or female?

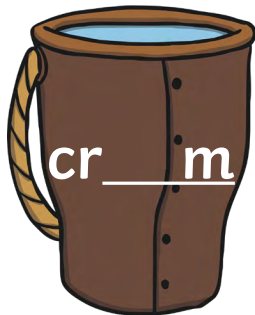
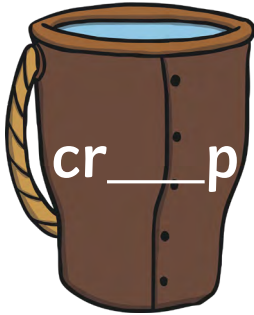
☐ male

☐ female

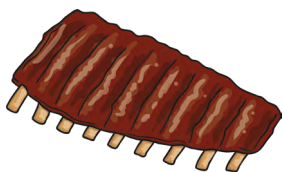
Clue 2

A Career Criminal

Draw a line to match the word to the correct vowel grapheme. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The vowel digraph with the most words will show the bucket breaker's job.



ee



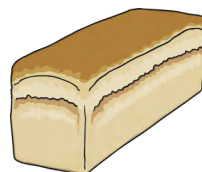
If **ee** is needed most, the bucket breaker is a **butcher**.

ea



If **ea** is needed most, the bucket breaker is a **grocer**.

ey



If **ey** is needed most, the bucket breaker is a **baker**.

ie








If **ie** is needed most, the bucket breaker is a **fishmonger**.

The vowel digraph with the most words is _____ so the bucket breaker must be a _____.

Clue 3

A Strand of Evidence

Trapped beneath the broken bucket, you find a strand of hair. It must have been left by the bucket breaker! By following the path of real words, you will find out what colour hair the bucket breaker has.

Start					
chop	quop	zook	vuss	ept	glog
sing	dart	scrid	rin	blard	wup
skap	shock	flat	quib	coid	quass
blorn	veems	skill	gift	disp	murbs
meft	slirt	reb	coins	gloom	sloam
jub	weath	pobe	flisp	turn	blast
jash	zued	meve	braint	splote	spray
clend	braits	trunk	feast	strike	groan
scrug	person	straw	glips	woats	barst
splue	chapter	stribе	splam	floost	phope
	grey	ginger	blonde	brown	black
					

The bucket breaker's hair must be _____.

Clue 4

Putting Their Foot in It

You see watery footprints leading away from the broken bucket... They must belong to the bucket breaker! Read the sentences below. Decide which suffix is needed to correctly complete the words. The number of times that the suffix -ful is used will show you the bucket breaker's shoe size.

Sentence	-ing	-ful	-ly
I'm pray_____ that the police will catch the bucket breaker.			
This is such a spite_____ thing to do to Thomas.			
The bucket breaker has acted so rude_____ .			
We must keep a care_____ watch to stop this from happening.			
They must have escaped quick_____ without us noticing.			
My father is very fear_____ that the bucket breaker will return.			
I think I saw the culprit sneak_____ away from the scene.			
We feel hope_____ that the vandal will be caught soon.			
I'm so thank_____ to the police for their hard work.			
We are all wonder_____ who would do such a thing.			
Thomas Farrinor has been very help_____ during the fire.			
Our street will sad_____ never be the same.			
The police are mak_____ good progress with the case.			
The Great Fire has been a very stress_____ time for us all.			
It would be delight_____ to get our street back to normal.			

The suffix -ful is used _____ times so this must be the bucket breaker's shoe size.

Clue 5

Knock Knock

Follow the watery trail to find out which door number the bucket breaker lives at. Decide whether the word in bold contains a digraph or a trigraph each time. Stay on the right path and catch the vandal!

Did you **see** the broken bucket?

digraph

trigraph

I'm **sure** the vandal ran this way.

How dare the vandal do this.

digraph

trigraph

digraph

trigraph

The vandal has been **mean**.

Keep your buckets safe.

This is so **unfair** for Thomas.

digraph

trigraph

digraph

trigraph

digraph

trigraph



The bucket breaker lives at door number _____.

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Answers

Clue 1: What's Their Agenda?

lp

yelp
gulp
help
scalp
pulp

lt

melt
belt
felt
wilt

The letters **lp** are used the most.
Is the bucket breaker male or female?

☒ **male**

☐ **female**

Clue 2: A Career Criminal

ee

creep
street

ea

speak
cream
season

ey

turkey
jockey


ie

shield
priest

The vowel digraph with the most words is **ea**, so the bucket breaker must be a grocer.

Clue 3: A Strand of Evidence

The path of real words is as follows:

Start					
chop	quop	zook	vuss	ept	glog
sing	dart	scrid	rin	blard	wup
skap	shock	flat	quib	coid	quass
blorn	veems	skill	gift	disp	murbs
meft	slirt	reb	coins	gloom	sloam
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	grey				
					

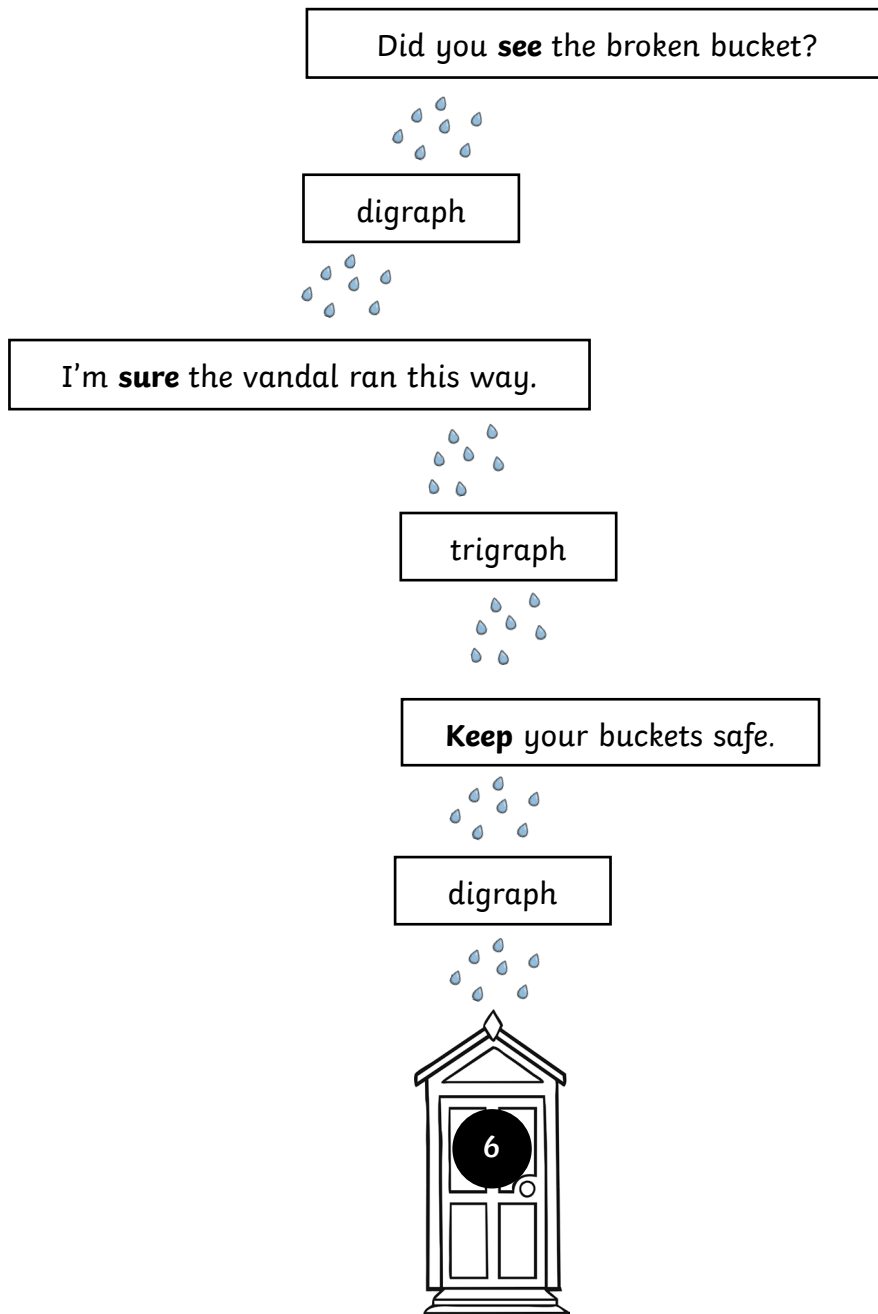
The bucket breaker's hair must be **grey**.

Clue 4: Putting Their Foot in It

Sentence	-ing	-ful	-ly
I'm praying that the police will catch the bucket breaker.	✓		
This is such a spiteful thing to do to Thomas.		✓	
The bucket breaker has acted so rudely .			✓
We must keep a careful watch to stop this from happening.		✓	
They must have escaped quickly without us noticing.			✓
My father is very fearful that the bucket breaker will return.		✓	
I think I saw the culprit sneaking away from the scene.	✓		
We feel hopeful that the vandal will be caught soon.		✓	
I'm so thankful to the police for their hard work.		✓	
We are all wondering who would do such a thing.	✓		
Thomas Farrinor has been very helpful during the fire.		✓	
Our street will sadly never be the same.			✓
The police are making good progress with the case.	✓		
The Great Fire has been a very stressful time for us all.		✓	
It would be delightful to get our street back to normal.		✓	
	4	8	3

The suffix **-ful** is used **8** times so this must be the bucket breaker's shoe size.

Clue 5: Knock Knock



The bucket breaker lives at door number **6**.

The prankster who broke the bucket must be Tobias Scrogs.