

# The Mystery of the Easter Bonnet

The children at Foxtrot School hold an Easter bonnet competition every year. All of the children from the school are invited to make their own bonnet. The headteacher judges the competition. The child who wins the competition, wins an Easter egg.

Nearly all of the children in the school enter the competition. Everybody wants to win. Each class teacher has to nominate the best two bonnets in their class and give the names to the headteacher. The headteacher then has to choose an overall winner.

Your task is to solve the clues to work out the overall winner.

**Good luck!**



## Easter Bonnet Nominees

Name	Age	Hat Colour	Hair Colour	Main Decoration
Ruth Edwards	8	red	brown	ribbon
Joan Grayson	7	blue	ginger	chicks
Ben Hanson	9	red	blonde	chicks
Jenna Wood	5	yellow	ginger	eggs
Jill Parton	4	green	blonde	ribbon
Jude Plant	11	red	brown	eggs
Sam Naylor	10	pink	brown	chicks
Jess Tomas	2	green	ginger	ribbon
Mark Harrison	8	yellow	ginger	ribbon
Tilly Powell	6	yellow	blonde	chicks
Linda Husk	11	red	blonde	chicks
Sam Cooper	3	pink	brown	ribbon
Dan Mitchell	4	green	brown	eggs
Mick Smith	3	red	ginger	chicks
James Drake	6	red	blonde	chicks
Jane Smith	9	blue	brown	eggs
Matt Hake	5	red	blonde	eggs

## Clue 1 The Split Digraph Note

The Easter Bunny has left a note for the children. Within his note, he has included lots of words with split digraphs in. Read the note and highlight the words with the split digraphs in. The most popular split digraph will reveal the colour of the hat.



a-e  
(pink)

e-e  
(blue)

i-e  
(red)

o-e  
(green)

u-e  
(yellow)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The winner of the competition made a \_\_\_\_\_ coloured hat.

## Clue 2 The Egg Baskets

The eggs in the playground need to be collected and sorted into the baskets. The missing suffix in each sentence matches to one of the baskets. Draw a line to match the egg to the basket it belongs in. The basket with the most eggs in it will be the same colour as the winner's hair.



I walk\_\_ around  
the garden.

The tree is tall\_\_  
than the  
Easter Bunny.



In the hot weather,  
the chocolate  
eggs melt\_\_.

The chicks were  
loud\_\_ than I  
expected.



She reach\_\_ up  
to grab the egg.

The egg hunt went on  
for long\_\_ than  
I thought.



It will be the  
larg\_\_ Easter  
party ever!

The eggs were  
paint\_\_ by the  
children.



He need\_\_ to eat  
the chocolate.

The bigg\_\_ egg  
was made of white  
chocolate.



The basket with the most eggs belongs to the suffix \_\_\_\_\_, so the winner's hair must be \_\_\_\_\_.

### Clue 3 Noisy Decorations

Read the sentences below and circle the correct spelling of the words. There is a choice of two spellings. Then, following the instructions given, find the correct letter of the answer and write it in the yellow box. Once you have solved all of the clues, the name of the main decoration on the bonnet will be revealed.

The girl had a _____ in her hair.	<b>clip / klip</b>	The 1st letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>
_____ outfit are you going to put on?	<b>witch / which</b>	The 2nd letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>
The children _____ go to the farmyard.	<b>might / mite</b>	The 2nd letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>
The girl had a _____ smile.	<b>nise / nice</b>	The 3rd letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>
When it is windy, I like to fly my _____.	<b>kite / cite</b>	The 1st letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>
His _____ was freezing after being in the snow.	<b>noze / nose</b>	The 3rd letter of the answer is... <input type="text"/>

The winner of the competition decorated their hat mainly with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clue 4 Tweeting Chicks

A number of Easter chicks have arrived at the school. They are each tweeting a different sound. Which single letter appears the most times across the sounds? The most popular single letter represents the first letter of the winner's surname.



The competition winner's surname begins with the letter \_\_\_\_.

## Clue 5 Real or Nonsense?

Lots of eggs have been left in the school playground. They all have words written on them; either real or nonsense. Can you read the words and decide whether they are real words or nonsense words?

The number of nonsense words is the age of the winner.



The number of nonsense words is \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, the age of the winner is \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Mystery of the Easter Bonnet **Answer Sheet**

## Clue 1 – The Split Digraph Note



a-e	e-e	i-e	o-e	u-e
(pink)	(blue)	(red)	(green)	(yellow)
<b>chocolate</b>	<b>even</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>hope</b>	<b>rules</b>
<b>make</b>		<b>like</b>	<b>note</b>	
<b>game</b>		<b>inside</b>	<b>home</b>	
<b>make</b>		<b>time</b>		

**The most commonly used split digraph was i-e.**

The winner of the competition made a **red** coloured hat.



## Clue 2 The Egg Baskets

-ed	-er	-est
I walked around the garden.	The tree is taller than the Easter bunny.	It will be the largest Easter party ever!
In the hot weather, the chocolate eggs melted.	The chicks were louder than I expected.	The biggest egg was made of white chocolate.
He needed to eat the chocolate.	The egg hunt went on for longer than I thought.	
She reached up to grab the egg.		
The eggs were painted by the children.		

The basket with the most eggs belongs to the suffix **-ed**, so the winner's hair must be **blonde**.

## Clue 3 - Noisy Decoratons

The girl had a clip in her hair.	The 1st letter of the answer is... c
Which outfit are you going to put on?	The 5th letter of the answer is... h
The children might go to the farmyard.	The 2nd letter of the answer is...i
The girl had a nice smile.	The 3rd letter of the answer is... c
When it is windy, I like to fly my kite.	The 1st letter of the answer is... k
His nose was freezing after being in the snow.	The 3rd letter of the answer is... s

**The winner decorated their hat mostly with chicks.**

#### Clue 4 Tweeting Chicks

The most commonly used single sound is **h**. Therefore, the winner's surname begins with a **h**.

#### Clue 5 – Real or Nonsense?

Real	Nonsense
straw	pight
train	blench
brave	thoaing
flute	chearg
far	wheeg
evening	kipe
sharp	quow
phone	phoing
oink	shote
	traif
	pruge

There were **11** nonsense words and **9** real words. The age of the winner is **11**.

**The winner of the Easter Bonnet competition is Linda Husk.**