

The FA Cup Referee Mystery

On Saturday 19th May, the FA Cup Final will be held at Wembley. The venue and date are already decided but the two teams and referees are not.

The high-profile event attracts many referees who long to be chosen and many have put themselves forward for the job.

Your task is to solve the clues to work out which referee will be chosen.

Good luck!



Referee Nominees

Name	Age	Nationality	Hair Colour	Uniform Colour
Ruth Edwards	25	English	black	blue
Joan Grayson	14	Irish	grey	blue
Ben Hanson	13	Scottish	black	white
Jenna Wood	16	Welsh	ginger	red
Jill Parton	19	English	black	blue
Jude Plant	20	Irish	brown	red
Samuel Naylor	24	English	grey	blue
Jess Tomas	16	English	ginger	white
Mark Harrison	14	Scottish	ginger	white
Tilly Powell	13	Scottish	blonde	red
Linda Husk	12	English	black	red
Millie Cooper	15	English	black	blue
Dan Mitchell	17	Scottish	brown	white
Mick Smith	19	English	black	blue
James Drake	21	Irish	grey	red
Jane Smith	24	Welsh	brown	blue
Matt Hake	26	Irish	grey	white

The chosen referee will be _____.

Clue 1 – The Tricky Word Advert

The chairman of the Football Association has written a job advert, advertising the refereeing job for the final. There are lots of tricky words in the advert which are not decodable. Read the advert and highlight all of the tricky words. The number of tricky words decides the hair colour of the referee in the key below.

JOB ADVERT

The FA wish to appoint a referee for the final game at Wembley. He or she must have some experience. They must enjoy the game and like being with people.

The Chairman

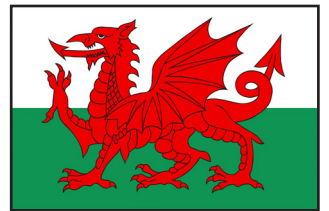
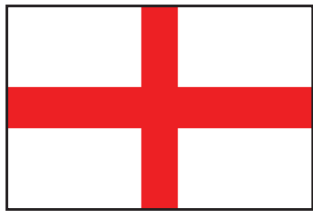


7	8	9	10	11
blonde	brown	ginger	black	grey

The chosen referee has _____ hair.

Clue 2 – Clusters and Blends

The footballs all need to be kicked into the goals. Each football has a word with either an initial cluster or blend or a final cluster or blend. Draw a line to match the football to the correct net. The football net with the most footballs in will be the nationality of the referee.



English

Irish

Scottish

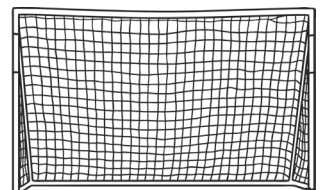
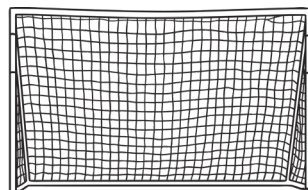
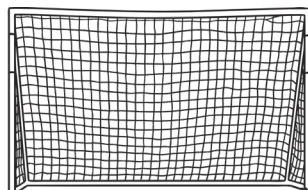
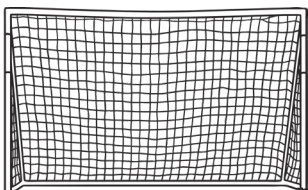
Welsh

2 letter
initial
blend

3 letter
initial
cluster

2 letter
final
cluster

3 letter
final
cluster



The net with the most balls is the _____ net so the chosen referee must be _____.

Clue 3 – Right or Wrong?

Read the sentences below and decide whether there are any spelling mistakes. Give them a tick if they are correct but a cross if they are incorrect.

















If there are more ticks, the referee is male. If there are more crosses, the referee is female.

Sentence	✓ or ✗
The cayk looked very nice.	
All of the boys had a jacket.	
For the main meal there was beef pigh.	
They could sea the crowds from the window.	
Prince Harry wanted a flute to play at the meal.	
The fotos were going to be brilliant.	
The men were going to wear a tie.	
The gurls all had a flower in their hair.	

_____ of the answers are correct and _____ of the answers are incorrect. Therefore, the referee must be _____.

Clue 4 – How Many?

Each of the football shirts have a word written on them. Draw a line to the pair of shorts which shows the correct number of syllables in the word.

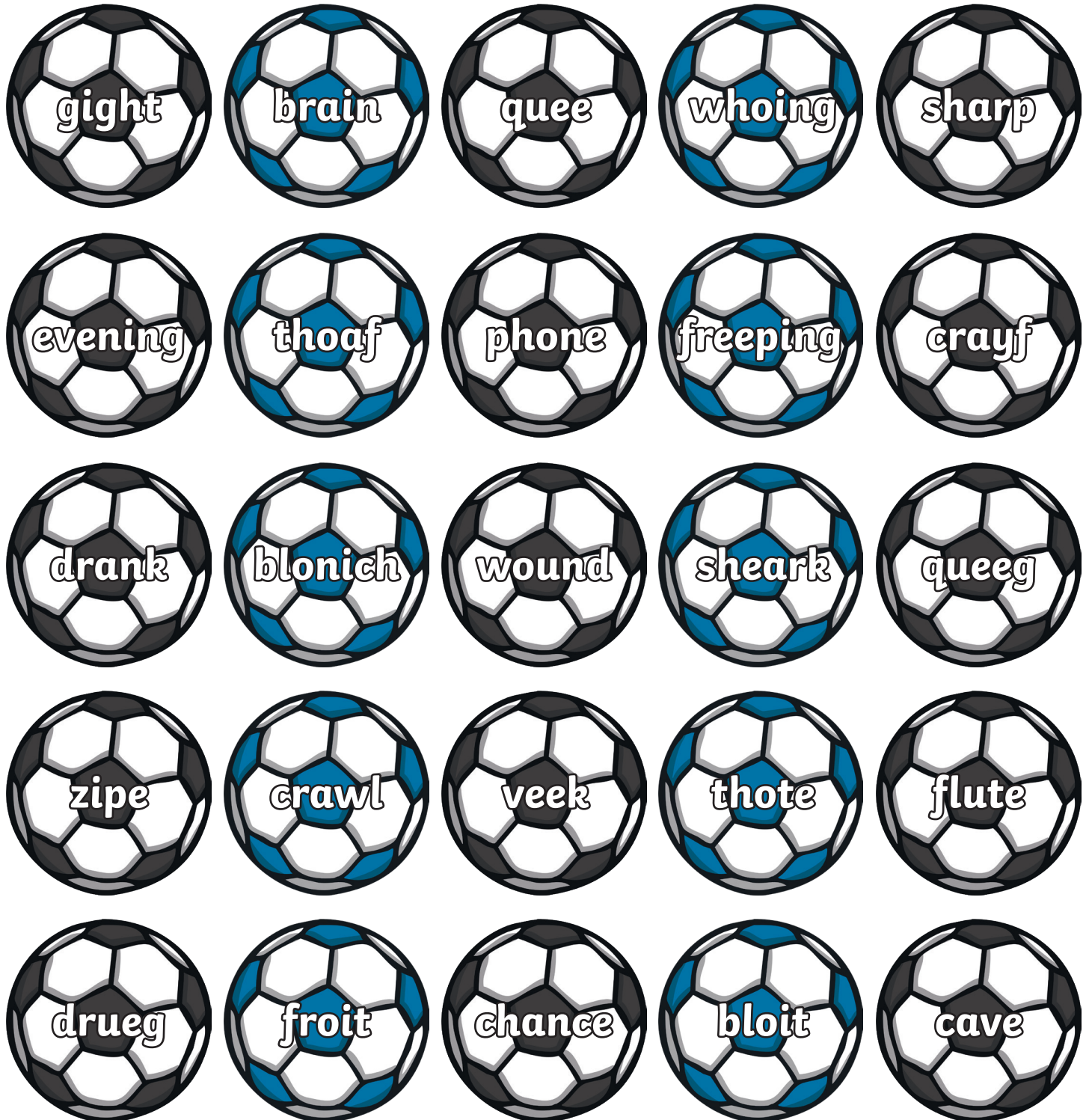
			
			
			
			
			

The shorts with the most words in their list, is the colour the referee will wear.
The referee will wear a _____ uniform.

Clue 5 – Real or Nonsense?

Lots of footballs have been left on the pitch. 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 referee.



The number of nonsense words is _____. Therefore, the age of the winner is _____.