## Mystery at the Springfall Town Carnival Math Game

The people of Springfall have been eagerly anticipating the day of the carnival. They have been building and decorating floats and getting costumes organized, ready for the parade.

The games, stalls, and rides have all been set up in the field, and the crowds are gathering. It will be another fabulous carnival in Springfall.

But wait! Disaster has struck! Someone has stolen the carnival queen's throne from her float! It was a real thing of beauty; gold painted, with a back six feet tall and (almost real) rubies encrusted in the arms. The carnival queen is inconsolable! But who would do such a terrible thing?
Your job is to use the clues and descriptions of the suspects to solve the mystery of the Throne Robber of Springfall Carnival! Good luck.


Descriptions of Suspects

| Name | M/F | Age | Wore sunglasses | Favorite activity | Type of hat |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amy Anders | F | 20 | yes | helter-skelter | straw |
| Amir Abdul | M | 17 | yes | spinning teacups | none |
| Bartek Bazyli | M | 32 | no | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Belinda Browne | F | 18 | no | helter-skelter | none |
| Carol Carousel | F | 23 | yes | spinning teacups | straw |
| Cassius Cray | M | 72 | yes | mini golf | Panama |
| Dina Dancer | F | 28 | yes | helter-skelter | baseball cap |
| Dawid Dobray | M | 13 | yes | spinning teacups | baseball cap |
| Elif Evergreen | F | 34 | no | mini golf | visor |
| Emily Emeline | F | 48 | yes | bouncy castle | straw |
| Fiona Frenzy | F | 42 | no | bouncy castle | none |
| Filip Felay | M | 31 | yes | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Gurleen Gad | M | 62 | yes | mini golf | Panama |
| Graeme Grindley | M | 27 | yes | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Hanna Heels | F | 59 | yes | mini golf | visor |
| Horace Hows | M | 59 | yes | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Isaac Ingles | M | 26 | yes | bouncy castle | visor |
| Ishmael Ince | M | 33 | no | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Jia June | F | 19 | yes | helter-skelter | baseball cap |
| Jack James | M | 44 | yes | bouncy castle | baseball cap |
| Klint Klivers | M | 42 | yes | mini golf | Panama |
| Karl Klam | M | 70 | yes | mini golf | Panama |
| Liza Laughs | F | 15 | no | spinning teacups | straw |
| Lily Lamb | F | 47 | yes | mini golf | visor |
| Macey Moore | F | 30 | no | helter-skelter | straw |
| Mohammad Magesh | M | 41 | yes | bouncy castle | visor |
| Nikita Noakes | F | 18 | yes | spinning teacups | straw |
| Narinder Nagar | M | 42 | yes | bouncy castle | visor |
| Oskar Okula | M | 20 | yes | spinning teacups | straw |
| Olivia Ochre | F | 29 | no | spinning teacups | baseball cap |

## Clue 1 Greater Than or Less Than?

Compare the measurements.
Use these signs <, >, = in the empty boxes.


1. 1 m


100 cm
6. 3 ml


31
2. 3 m 67 cm
 294 cm
3. 65 seconds


1 minute
4. 65 mm


6 cm
9. 250 kg
 2500 g
5. 500 ml $\square$ 1 I
10. 3522 ml


31530 ml

If there are more > the throne thief did not wear sunglasses.
If there are more < the throne thief did wear sunglasses.

## Clue 2 A Mixed Bag

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | 10 | 8 | 22 | 4 | 26 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 32 |


| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 90 | 100 | 50 | 19 | 28 | 30 | 13 | 88 | 41 | 0 | 21 | 8 |

Solve these problems to work out the letters which spell out whether the thief was male or female.

|  | Answer | Letter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The number of vertices on a triangular <br> based pyramid. |  |  |
| Multiply the number of legs an octopus has, <br> with the number of legs a zebra has. |  |  |
| $56 \div \square=8$ |  |  |
| $900 \div 10$ |  |  |
| The number of months in a year, take away <br> half the number of months in a year. |  |  |
| The number of dimes in $\$ 3.00$. |  |  |
| Multiply two and twelve, then divide the |  |  |
| answer by six. |  |  |$\quad$| The number of tens in 4,222 |
| :---: |

Answer to clue 2:

## Clue 3 All Change!

Sarah buys a hotdog, some chips, and a drink.
She pays with $\$ 10$.
How many of the purses show the correct change she will be given?


## Clue 3 All Change!

|  | Favorite activity of the throne thief |
| :---: | :---: |
| There is one purse with the correct change. | helter-skelter |
| There are two purses with the correct change. | bouncy castle |
| There are three purses with the correct change. | mini golf |
| There are four purses with the correct change. | spinning teacups |

The throne thief's favorite activity is:

## Clue 4 Shady Fractions

Write the fraction in the box provided.


| straw | the | visor | wore |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2}{7}$ | $\frac{8}{8}$ | $\frac{4}{12}$ | $\frac{2}{20}$ |
| $\frac{\text { thief }}{16}$ | $\frac{\text { panama }}{20}$ | $\frac{\text { no }}{12}$ | hat |
| $\frac{18}{8}$ |  |  |  |
| baseball cap | $a$ | throne | didn't |
| $\frac{6}{10}$ | $\frac{5}{7}$ | $\frac{4}{8}$ | $\frac{2}{18}$ |

Answer to clue 4

## Clue 5 The Most Frequent

Complete these column calculations.
Look at the tens column of each of your answers. The digit which appears in the tens column the most frequently will tell you the tens digit of the thief's age.
1.

2.
926
145
3.
2473

- 1211

4. 3092
$+145$

5. $\begin{array}{r}721 \\ -\quad 80\end{array}$
6. 


7.

8.

832

- 691
- 1461


The number which appeared in the tens column most frequently is $\qquad$ .

The decade of the age of the carnival queen throne thief is $\qquad$ .

The throne thief is $\qquad$ .

## Clue 1 Greater Than or Less Than? Answers

| 1. | 1 m | = | 100 cm |  | 3 ml | < | 31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | 3 m 67 cm | > | 294 cm | 7. | 1 kg 400 g | < | 1500 g |
| 3. | 65 seconds | > | 1 minute | 8. | 1 year | < | 367 days |
| 4. | 65 mm | > | 6 cm | 9. | 250 kg | > | 2500 g |
| 5. | 500 ml | < | 11 | 10. | 3522 ml | < | 31530 ml |

There are more < signs there so the throne thief did wear sunglasses.

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| $900 \div 10$ | 90 | 0 |
| The number of months in a year, take away half the number of months in a year. | 6 | L |
| The number of dimes in \$3.00. | 30 | T |
| Multiply two and twelve, then divide the answer by six. | 4 | E |
| The number of tens in 4,222 | 2 | N |
| Work out these Roman numerals: XXVI | 26 | F |

## NOT FEMALE

## Clue 3 All Change! Answers

There are two purses with the correct change of $\$ 5.85$ in them.
The throne thief's favorite activity is the bouncy castle.
Clue 4 Shady Fractions Answers

| straw | the | visor | wore |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2}{7}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{8}}{\mathbf{8}}$ | $\frac{4}{12}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{2}}{\mathbf{2 0}}$ |
| $\frac{12}{16}$ | $\frac{18}{20}$ | $\frac{6}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ |
| baseball cap | $\mathbf{a}$ | no | throne |
| $\frac{\mathbf{6}}{\mathbf{1 0}}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{5}}{\mathbf{7}}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{8}}{\mathbf{8}}$ | didn't |

THE THRONE THIEF WORE A BASEBALL CAP

## Clue 5 The Most Frequent Answers

1. $784-439=345$
2. $926+145=1071$
3. $2473-1211=1262$
4. $3092-1461=1631$
5. $721-80=641$
6. $1340+731=2071$
7. $903+153=1056$
8. $832-691=141$

The number which appears in the tens column most frequently is $\mathbf{4}$.
The decade of the age of the carnival queen throne thief is forty.
The throne thief is Jack James.

