

## Spag Bol Robbery Clue 2 – Conjunctions

We sometimes call conjunctions 'joining words'. Examples are but, for, and, unless and because. Find the conjunctions in the text. The number in brackets tells you which letter of each conjunction to take as part of the clue, eg I will eat breakfast and get dressed. (2) The conjunction is 'and' and the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is 'n'. You will see that some sentences have more than one conjunction. I have underlined a few of the conjunctions to help you. Remember that when we investigated conjunctions in class we realised that they can sometimes be the first word of a sentence.

Before the lesson, Sarah looked in her bag but her PE kit was not there. (3) When she realised this, she knew she would be in bother. (2) She stood still while she thought how she could avoid detention. (5) Both her shorts and her PE shirt were still lying on her bedroom floor. (2, 2) After her friend Mimi came in, she had an idea. (4) While waiting for Miss, she could get Mimi to forge a note. (1) Miss rarely checked notes carefully though she had recently been to Specsavers before she came to school. (2, 4) As Mimi had neat hand writing, she was a good choice. (2)

She wrote: *Although Sarah diligently washed her cloths, they are not dri because of the weather. Mrs Laura Smith.* (3, 4)

"Sorry I'm a little late," apologised Miss. "I would have been here earlier only my car broke down. (4) Unless I'm mistaken, PE kit is the norm for games," she announced scrutinising Sarah and checking the reaction of her friends. (4, 3)

"I would have it Miss but it's still wet," replied Sarah. (1)

"Since I've just paid a fortune for these new glasses, I'd better take a close look at your note to check whether it's genuine. (5, 5) If it's a forgery, you'll be in big trouble. (1) Once I have scrutinised it, providing you are sensible, you can watch until the lesson is over. (2, 6, 4) I must say your Mum's writing is as neat as the wanderings of a drunken spider! (2, 1) I would not normally check notes, only you have missed the last six lessons. (3) Hmm – she can't spell any better than you can! (3) Providing Mrs Smith confirms she wrote this, you are in the clear. (6) I would phone her now, only I left my phone at Specsavers." (4)

"She shouldn't have gone to Specsavers," whispered Mimi.

