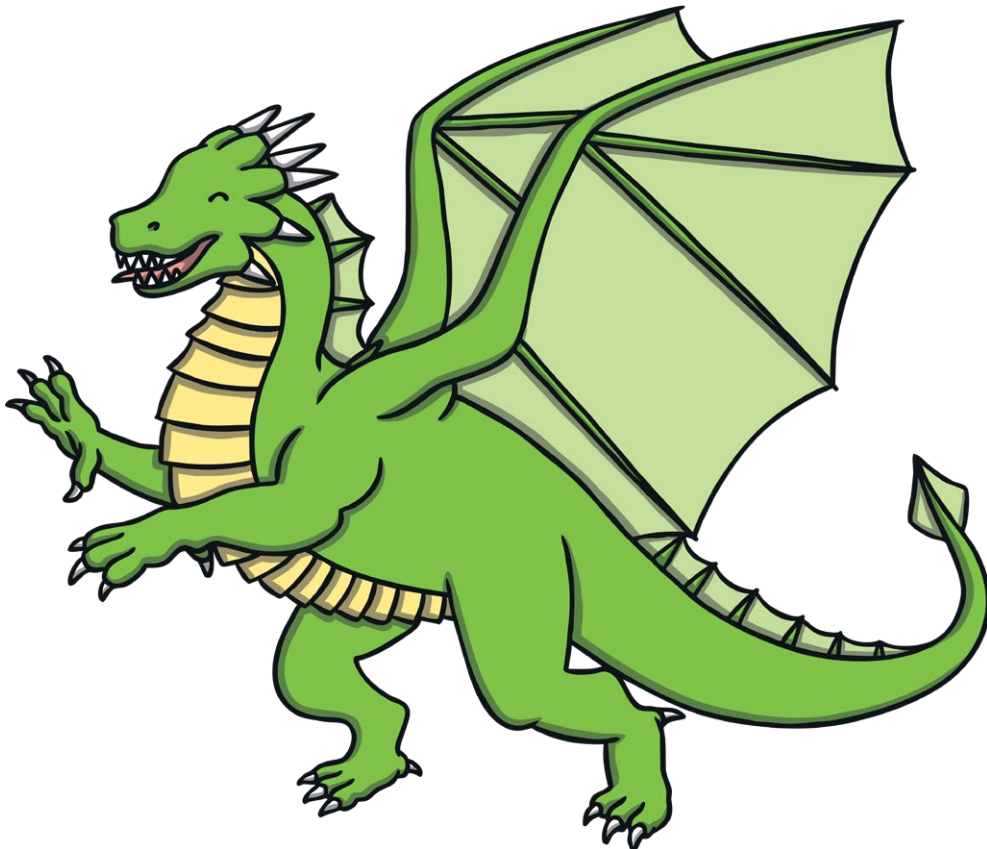


St. George's Day Missing Dragon Mystery

St. George is ready for battle. He has gathered together his suit of armour, weapons and shield. However, for some unknown reason, his dragon has got caught up with all the other dragons and he cannot find it. He is not prepared for battle without the dragon. Can you help him find his dragon?

Good luck!



The Missing Dragon

Name	Age	Special Power	Size	Colour	Gender
Misty	12	breathes fire	large	green	female
Leo	13	can fly	small	black	male
Jasper	11	breathes fire	small	blue	male
Shadow	20	can fly	large	blue	male
Cheeky	12	invisibility	small	red	female
Dusty	15	can fly	large	green	female
Simba	19	can fly	large	red	male
Daisy	8	breathes fire	small	black	female
Tyler	10	breathes fire	small	blue	male
Jack	14	invisibility	large	red	male
Luna	10	can fly	large	green	female
Charlie	9	breathes fire	small	black	female
Coco	5	breathes fire	small	green	female
Bailey	11	invisibility	large	blue	male
Bella	7	can fly	large	green	female
Millie	11	breathes fire	large	red	female
Oscar	6	invisibility	large	black	male

Clue 1 The Tricky Word Advert

Saint George has created a 'missing' poster to try and find his dragon. There are lots of tricky words in the text which are not decodable. Read the poster and highlight all of the tricky words. The number of tricky words decides whether the dragon is male or female.

Missing Dragon!

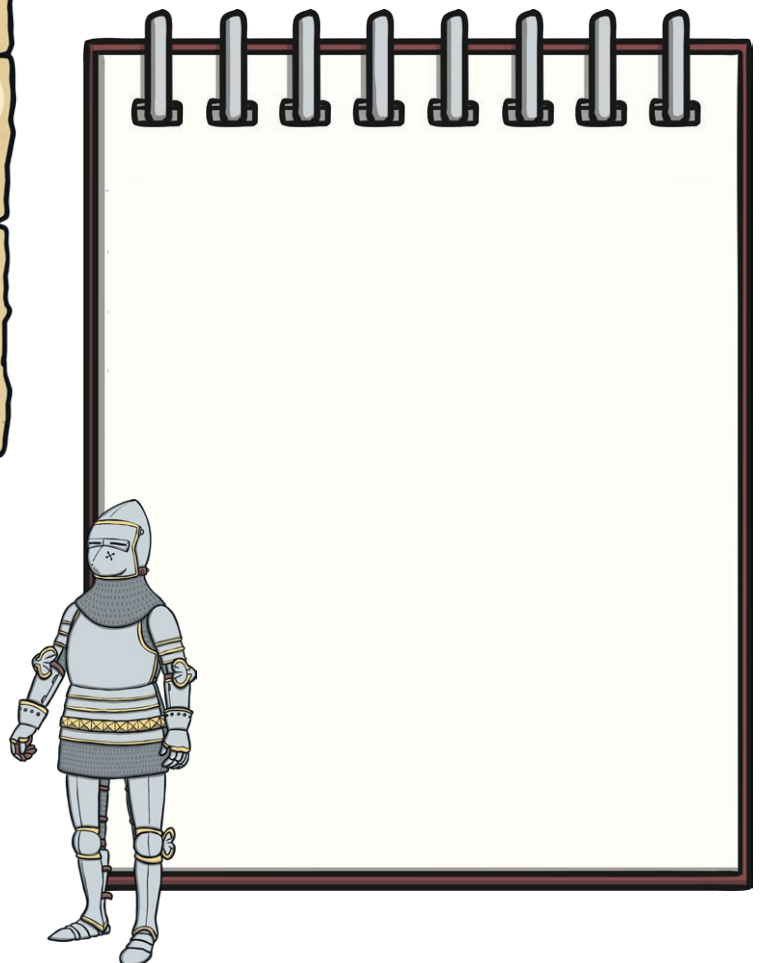
Where is my dragon?
It was last seen on Thursday
5th March when I fed it. I
cannot go into battle without
the dragon. Please help me.

Saint George



0-5 trick words = male

6-10 trick words = female



The dragon is: _____

Clue 2 Clusters and Blends

The breaths of fire all need matching up with the correct dragon. Each breath of fire has a word with either an initial cluster or blend or a final cluster or blend. Draw a line to match the fire to the correct dragon. The dragon with the most fire will show the colour of Saint George's dragon.



The dragon with the most breaths of fire is the _____, so the missing dragon 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 have no spelling mistakes but a cross if they have spelling mistakes.

If there are more ticks, the dragon is small. If there are more crosses, the dragon is large.

Sentence	✓ or ✗
Dragons have tales.	
Some dragons breathe fire.	
If a dragon has wings it mite be able to fly.	
The dragon had scails on his back.	
Saint George wanted a dragon.	
Saint George had a sheeld ready for battle.	
He had metal armour to protect his body.	
The bois all had a helmet on.	

_____ of the answers are correct and _____ of the answers are incorrect.

Therefore the dragon must be _____.

Clue 4 How Many?

Each of the knights have a word written on them. Draw a line to the horse which shows the correct number of syllables in the word.



sunshine



elephants



thundering



hail



computer



turnip



monster



dish



zoom



snowman



September



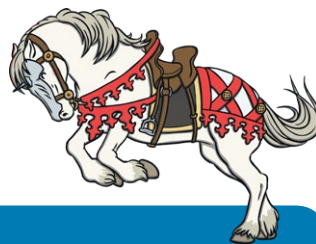
flamingo



whisk



1 syllable
breathes fire



2 syllables
invisibility



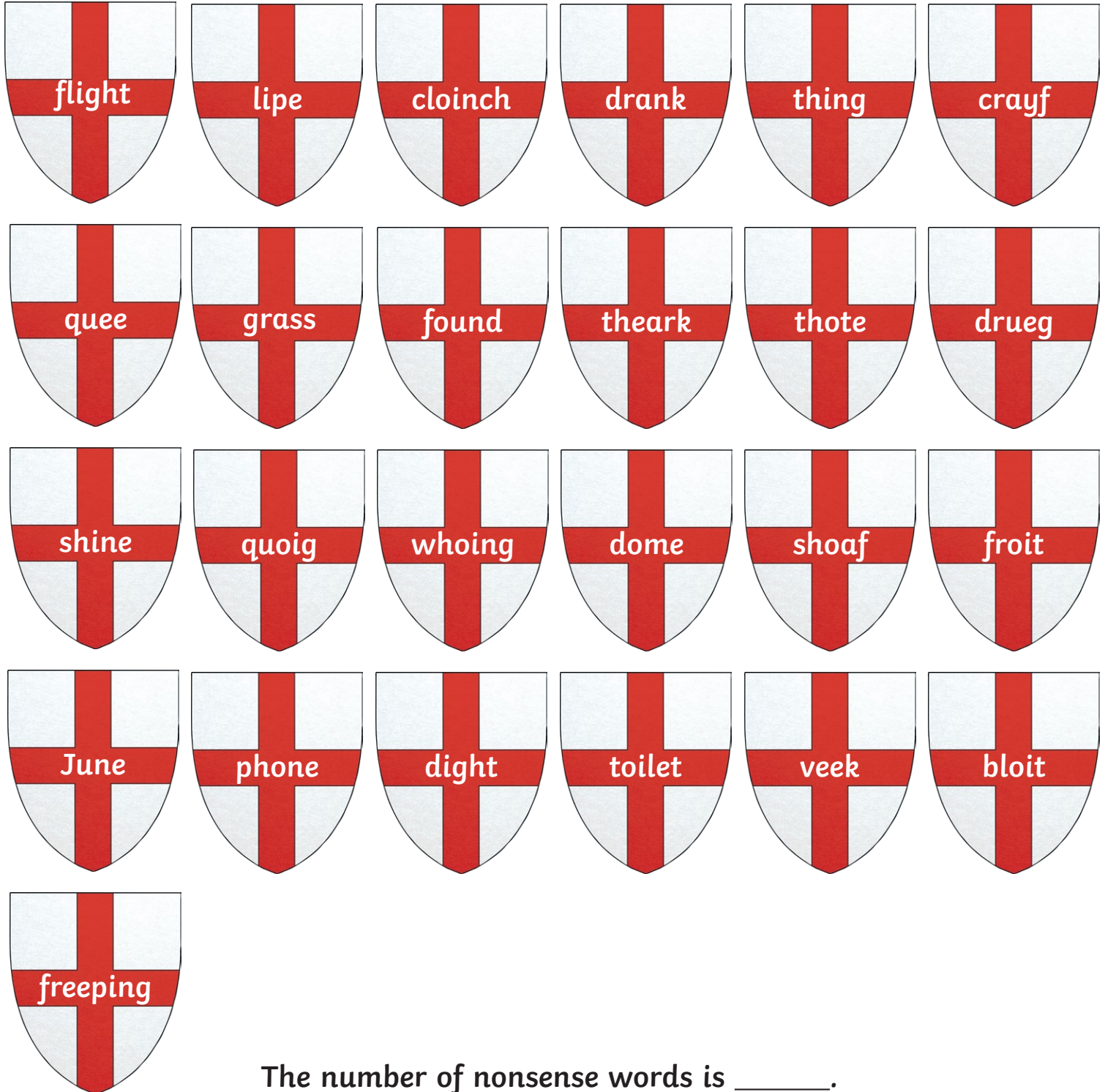
3 syllables
can fly

The dragon's special powers will be _____.

Clue 5 Real or Nonsense?

Lots of shields have been left on the battle field. 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 dragon.

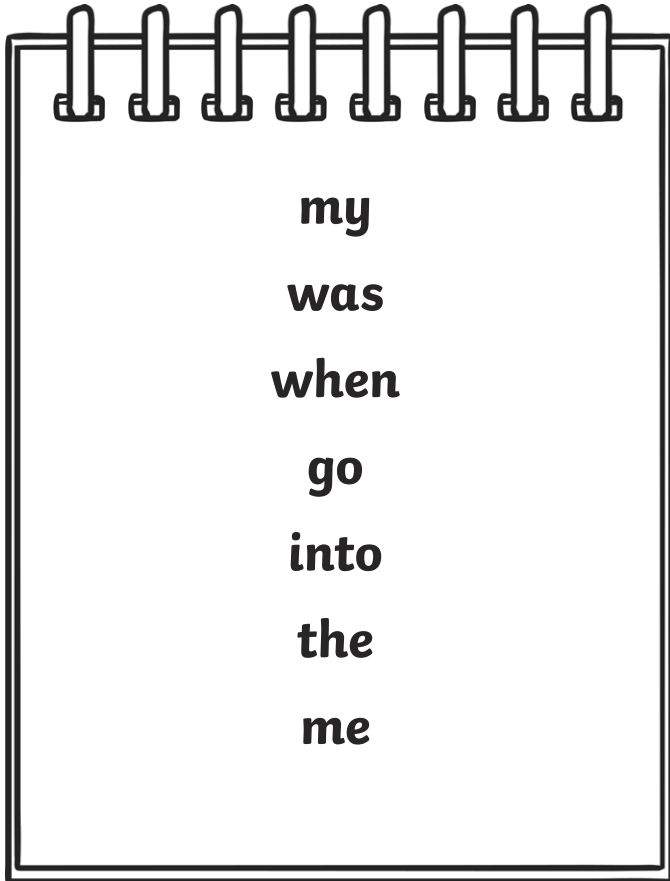


The number of nonsense words is _____.

Therefore, the age of the dragon is _____.

St. George's Day Missing Dragon Mystery Answers

Clue 1 The Tricky Word Advert



There are seven tricky words in the advert.

Therefore the dragon is female.

Clue 2 – Clusters and Blends

Green (2 letter initial blend)	Red (3 letter initial cluster)	Black (2 letter final blend)	Blue (3 letter final cluster)
grime	throw	hand	bench
tree	strong	belt	
brain	scrap		
frog			

The dragon with the most breaths of fire in is the green dragon, so the colour of Saint George's dragon must be green.

Clue 3 Right or Wrong?

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Some dragons breathe fire.	✓
If a dragon has wings it mite be able to fly.	✗
The dragon had scails on his back.	✗
Saint George wanted a dragon.	✓
Saint George had a sheeld ready for battle.	✗
He had metal armour to protect his body.	✓
The bois all had a helmet on.	✗

Five sentences have incorrect spellings. Three sentences have the correct spellings. The dragon will be large.

Clue 4 – How Many?

1 Syllable	2 Syllables	3 Syllables
dish	sunshine	computer
hail	monster	flamingo
zoom	turnip	thundering
whisk	snowman	September
		elephants

Clue 5 Real or Nonsense?

Real	Nonsense
flight	dight
grass	cloinch
dome	shoaf
June	theark
thing	quoig
toilet	lipe
found	quee
phone	whoing
drank	thote
shine	crayf
	drueg
	froit
	veek
	bloit
	freeping

There are **15** nonsense words and **10** real words. The dragon therefore must be 15 years old.

The missing dragon is called Dusty.