Police Report: On the sad case of the deaths of the First Little Pig and the Second Little Pig

1. The First Little Pig

The accused, Alexander T. Wolf, has admitted causing the death of the First Little Pig. The Pig’s straw house was blown down when the Wolf sneezed a most tremendous sneeze (or so he claims) and the house of straw fell in completely and crushed the First Little Pig. The Wolf then admits eating the Pig.

1. The House of Straw

The house of straw was investigated by a team of experts from Dry Drayton, who found that the straw was unstable and not strong. Although it might have kept the First Little Pig warm, it would not have kept the rain or the wind out. It was a totally unsuitable building material and could easily have been blown down by a determined wolf. It is also possible that an enormous sneeze could have caused the house of straw to collapse.

1. The Second Little Pig

The Wolf also admits causing the death of the Second Little Pig in exactly the same way. He claims that another extraordinarily powerful sneeze blew down the Pig’s house of sticks. He agrees that he ate this Second Pig too.

1. The House of Sticks

The team from Dry Drayton investigated the house of sticks. They found that this too was an unsuitable building material for a house. It was neither windproof or waterproof. However, it was definitely stronger and more stable than the house of straw, especially if fastened with string and tape. A very strong wind would have been enough to knock it down, but it seems unlikely that a sneeze would have blown it down completely.

1. The Wolf’s Story

The Wolf will be found guilty of **murdering** the pigs if it can be proved that he **deliberately** blew down or somehow destroyed their houses in order to eat them. Further investigations need to be carried out into the Wolf’s story, including finding out whether he actually has a grandmother and, if so, when her birthday is. Also, the police will investigate whether the shops near to the Wolf were open at the time of the incident and whether the Wolf already had sugar in his cupboard. The team from Dry Drayton will need to decide if he is guilty of any crime by i) sneezing ridiculously powerfully in public and ii) eating dead pigs.

Signed: Chief Inspector Richkenny

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LO: I can answer questions about a report

1. Write down two of the sub-headings in the report.

1. The title tells us this is a report. But how else do you know? Which features of a report does it have?
2. Headings and subheadings?
3. Technical vocabulary?
4. Organised into paragraphs?
5. Written in the past tense throughout?
6. Who has written this report?
7. In the paragraph about the house of straw, do the police think the Wolf might be telling the truth?
8. In paragraph 4, do the police think sticks were a better or worse building material than straw?
9. Look at paragraph 4. Do the police think a sneeze could have blown down a house of sticks?
10. In paragraph 5, the police say they need more information. What evidence do they still need to find?
11. In your opinion, is the Wolf guilty if he’s telling the truth and the houses did fall down accidentally?

You will need to ask the Wolf what granny’s name is and whereabouts in the forest she lives.

You will need to ask the neighbours in the forest about granny. Do they know her name? How long has she lived in the forest?

Have you found granny? Does she exist? If she does, ask her when her birthday is? Can she prove it?

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You will need to go to the shops nearest to the Wolf’s house? What are they called? (Badger’s stores? Fox’s Groceries?). How far are they from the wolf’s house?

What are the opening hours of the shops? Are they open 24 hours a day or not? When do they close?

What do the shops sell? Does it include sugar?

You will need to go to the Wolf’s house. Has he got a kitchen? Has he got cooking equipment, like wooden spoons, mixing bowls, cake tins?

You will need to look in the Wolf’s cupboards. Do they have flour and cake ingredients? Is there any sugar in there?

Do you need to look through the bin for empty sugar packets or egg shells to show the wolf really did start to make a cake?