

Underlined things would be good to hint about, depending on where they're is stuck.

#1 hint should be to make sure they fully understand rule#1 about the checkerboard layout of nobles/servants. See the gray/white squares below to see what I mean.

1 rose	2 molesley	3 branson	4 <b>barrow</b>	= noble spot in checkerboard
5 anna	6 mary	7 <b>carson</b>	8 robert	
9 cora	10 <b>hughes</b>	11 violet	12 bates	
13 <b>baxter</b>	14 edith	15 <b>patmore</b>	16 <b>daisy</b>	

NEED HELP PLACING THE SUSPECTS? HERE ARE THE EASY ONES (**BOLD ABOVE**)...

- Daisy and Mrs. Patmore are the cooks. They must be 15 and 16.
- Daisy is a flower, she must be on a diagonal, so she must be 16, and Mrs. Patmore must be 15.
- Rose and Violet (both nobles) are the other flowers and must be in the same diagonal (\) as Daisy. Because of the checkerboard rule, we know which squares are **nobles**, and which are servants.
- Carson and Mrs. Hughes are in the center, and must occupy the / diagonal, because that's where the servants are.
- Carson must be 7, since Molesley is the only male on the left. Mrs. Hughes is 10
- Baxter must be 13; and Barrow must be 4

...AND THEN...

- Since Molesley is the only male on the left and must be near two males, he must be in the second column. The only free servant spot is 2. (A male needs to be at 3.)

...AND FINALLY, WITH THIS HINT, EVERYTHING SHOULD FALL INTO PLACE NEATLY...

- The remaining three men must be placed on the right half. Bates and Robert must be next to each other. The diagonal (\) is known to be women. Bates and Robert must go on the right side, with Robert at 8 and Bates at 12.
- The remaining male noble spot is 3, so Branson goes there.

If they have trouble with the final placement of the women, just have them start with where Cora could possibly go, and then follow on from there to prove/disprove the what-ifs (as follows).

- Cora must be near her daughters, and so has two places to go (9 or 14). 14 won't work because:
  - If Mary is at 11 then there's no room for her maid Anna, so that won't work.
  - But if Edith is at 11 and Mary would 9 with Anna at 5... but since Violet can't be next to Anna, that won't work either.
- So Cora must go at 9, with Edith at 14, Mary at 6, and Anna at 5.
- Violet can't be 1 because that's next to Anna, so Violet is 11 and Rose is 1.

Read the first letter of the quote of each person and you get "SAY THIRD SYLLABLE"

Reading the third syllable of each quote gives "mis is pat more did it in the con serv ut tor e with pies sun" -- or "Mrs. Patmore did it in the conservatory with poison." POISON is what they should write on the answer sheet.