

Can you be a spelling detective?

News Flash

It is *official!*

Wednesday is going to be a very special day. It is crucial that everyone comes to school to watch. The real grass on the school field is going to be replaced with artificial grass. This will be particularly beneficial for our sports teams, as they will be able to play on it all year round. Secret Message An influential source tells me that a substantial amount of money is buried in a residential area near to our school. It is essential that this information remains confidential at the moment, but whoever finds it will become very rich.

Practice sentences

- a) Her official title is Lady Mayor, but everyone knows her as Betty.
- b) Your birthday is always going to be a special day in your life.
- c) This was his last chance in the competition: it was a crucial jump.
- d) The flowers didn't look artificial at all; they looked absolutely real.
- e) The medicine proved beneficial, and she was soon feeling much better.
- f) She was influential in helping her team to win the match, scoring two goals and defending well.
- g) There was a substantial reward for finding the missing gold watch.
- h) It was a residential course, which meant you had to stay overnight.
- i) He couldn't cook the meal because he was missing some essential ingredients.
- j) The message was marked confidential, so she couldn't share it with anyone.

County Champion

My friend enjoys martial arts. He competed in a special event last week at the social club in town. There was a substantial prize for the winner. I nearly didn't go because of the torrential rain, but I'm glad I did. He won, and is now the official martial arts champion for the county.