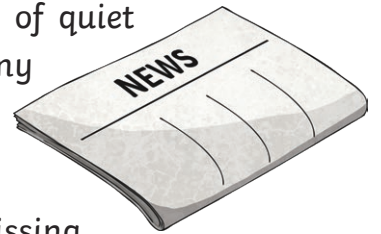


# Improving Your Reading with Predicting Pip: Chaos at Local Flour Mill!



Last night, there was an incident at Little Plumpton's flour mill. As a family-owned business, this news has devastated the local community. We have been told that no less than 32 sacks of flour have been taken and there is no trace as to where they could be. A village-wide search is now underway to recover the missing sacks but, as time goes on, hope seems to be dwindling.

This morning, our reporters spoke to local baker, Mr Alan Gator, who was covered in what looked like a fine layer of chalk dust (presumably from searching the nearby Chalky Hills for any signs of the missing flour). "It's absolutely terrible," he told us. "That flour was the best around. I know that Plumpton Mill had recently doubled their prices for us bakers but the quality of the flour was worth it." Hanging his head for a moment of quiet contemplation, he added "To cheer up the village, I'm selling all of my bread and rolls for half of their usual price tomorrow. I'll be making lots extra to make sure there's enough for everybody!"



If anybody has any information regarding the whereabouts of the missing flour, please contact the number below.

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- We're never going to find our flour.
- That baker stole our flour!
- I look forward to the reduced bread tomorrow.

2. Based on what you have read, do you think that the village will continue to look for the missing flour? Explain your answer.

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yes  no

Explain your answer fully.

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# Answers

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I don't think that they will continue to look for the flour because they will now know that the baker has stolen it and used it already to make lots of bread and rolls.**

3. Do you think that the baker will be accused of stealing the flour? Tick one.  
Explain your answer fully.

**Accept either yes or no, provided that a full explanation is also given, such as: I think that the baker will be accused because there is lots of evidence against him, such as the fact that he has flour all over his clothes.**

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