

Mrs. Johnson baked some chocolate chip cookies and left them in the kitchen to cool. When she came back a half an hour later, she found her four children standing in front of the plate, with all of the cookies missing.

‘All right,’ she announced. ‘Who took the cookies?’

Jamie answered first. ‘I know who took the cookies,’ he said. Then his brother Alfie spoke up and said, ‘It wasn’t Julie or Maggie.’ Maggie piped in quickly, ‘Alfie ate them!’ But then Julie confessed, ‘I stole the cookies.’

Mrs. Johnson knew all of the children were lying. If she is right, who took the cookies?

