

## Registration

The 10-by-10 grid below shows a school register for two weeks (Mon-Fri). On the left are the surnames of the 10 pupils, the boys before the girls (it's an old-fashioned school!), then sorted alphabetically. On the right are the number of days each one was absent over the two weeks. Using their teacher's musings (given below), deduce the keyword.

**DUCK**

		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
BOY	Higgins	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
BOY	Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
DENNIS	Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
DAVID	Thomson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
JON	Wright	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
BOY	Yates	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
CHRIS	Dawson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
ANITA	Franklin	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
TINA	Hayes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
GIRL	Higgins	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Anita suffered 5 days.  
 ANITA suffered 5 days  
 CHRIS suffered 2 days  
 YATES suffered 0 days

George sighed as he checked his register that Friday: only one pupil - Dennis, one of the identical twins - was present. Even he had missed part of last week - like all but one of the others, he'd been off sick with a bad cold. Tina had caught it first on the Saturday; the non-identical twins caught it the day after; and by Monday, the identical twins were both also sick. David had fallen ill the day after, Jon Wright and Chris on the Wednesday and, finally, Anita on the Thursday. On the following Monday, she was the only one still missing - one of two pupils to be ill for five days; everyone else had suffered for three days except for one who'd come in on the third day (and of course the one lucky student who'd avoided the bug). Wednesday finally saw a full class (one of the identical twins having been the only absentee on Tuesday), and George had hoped this would continue for the rest of the week. Not so - on Thursday, four had been missing, and now, with five more away, he had to abandon the lesson.

Anita

Jon

Chris

David

Tina

	M	T	W	Th	Fr	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Dennis	Tina	Jon	David	Chris	Anita
Higgins	off	off	off	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	off	in	in	in	in	in
Jones	off	off	off	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	3	DENNIS				
Thomson	in	off	off	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	4	DAVID				
Wright	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	5	JON				
Yates	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	2					
Dawson	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	3		CHRIS			
Franklin	in	in	in	in	in	off	off	off	off	off	4			ANITA		
Hayes	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	2	TINA				
Higgins	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	4					
Dennis	off	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	6					
Tina	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in						
Jon	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in	in						
David	in	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in						
Chris	in	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in						
Anita	in	off	off	in	in	in	in	in	in	in						

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