

Mavis's Errand - SOLUTION

*{a reference to Mavis Beacon of
"Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing" fame}*

You find a piece of paper with a mysterious message on it. You try every type of cipher you know, but to no avail. Out of ideas, you visit your old friend Anna for help.

"Hey Anna, this message has me stumped. Can you make anything out of it?"

"It's certainly not anything I can understand. Perhaps my friends Perry or Brad would know what to do with it," says Miss Graham. *{Anna Graham -> anagram}*

You approach a rectangular house with a number of square windows. *{something in the shape of a keyboard?}* A mouse scurries off to the right as you draw closer. In the front, you see a mailbox with words so sloppily written that it is difficult to read.

"It says 'Perry E. Twit' *{typewriter}* and 'Brad Yoke'," *{keyboard}* says Anna.

You see a button labelled "Enter" and press it. *{'Enter' button - another keyboard hint}* Brad answers the door and invites you in. Inside, Perry is playing with a whip.

"Hey Brad! Check out this new riding crop."

"Eee-gads!" exclaimed Brad. "That's terrific! I like it a lot."

"Yeah, it's really helping," said Perry. "I can't count the number of times I've whipped my horse trying to get it to go."

"Well, you know," said Brad, "It's not the number of times, it's the location that's key." *{a hint that when they look at the strings of letters, they should ignore frequency}*

Off to the side, you see a futuristic counter, badly damaged, but with a full complement of alcoholic beverages. Above the counter is a broken sign, "Space Bar". *{another hint that it's about a keyboard - also the letters in the code don't contain any spaces - "broken space bar"}*

After struggling with the puzzle for so long, you think that you could use a drink. Brad sees you eyeing the two cases of beer, one stacked upon the other. He remarks with a hint of sympathy,

"Sorry, we haven't used the bar at all since it was broken. Those cases are where I store our mail. We always keep our letters in the lower case." *{this will help teams decode the shapes of the letters - knowing they're looking for all lower case letters}*

You decide to get working on the puzzle and you give them the note. After a quick look, Perry says "This message is certainly meant for us, but we don't quite understand what it means."

Perry and Brad begin translating the message, but it doesn't make any sense. Frustrated, you lie down on your left to rest and think while watching Perry and Brad continue. Suddenly, the words become clear. *{"lie down" is meant to have players turn their heads to the left as the letters on the keyboard are constructed sideways}*

"Gadfadda is i!" you exclaim. *{literally, the letters g,a,d and f form a lower case 'i' when viewed sideways}*

Elated, you translate the message and rush off to your next destination: **MODEL YACHT CLUBHOUSE GG PARK**

m	minimumhubby
o	jugbunny
d	mythinktrunk
e	infinityivybikinithinmint
l	tootyoutoytit
y	bulkyjujubunny
a	cryburntdungjuryduty
c	vetgetsexcessgeesesex
h	himmunchcivicchub
t	feedsecegg
c	exegetevestetc
l	shagdadfad
u	excretevertexregrettree
b	ivinnunbumkinkhubbub
h	ivchicincubicinchminimimic
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e	vivifykinkymythfib
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g	therebyexcretefreecystcheese
p	vexcawevadedaze
a	gruntbuggyductjury
r	vacazawax
k	myhinnyjib