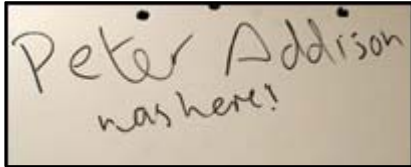# Two youths vandalised a children's campsite.

Daft burglar writes name on wall.

An 18-year-old burglar who vandalised a children's campsite building was caught because he wrote his name on a wall at the scene, a court has heard.

Peter Addison, of Heaton Mersey, Stockport, and his friend Mark Ridgeway of Poynton, Cheshire, smashed crockery and let off fire extinguishers.

Both pleaded guilty to burglary at Macclesfield Magistrates' Court.

Addison received a conditional discharge. Ridgeway, 18, must carry out 60 hours' unpaid work.

Addison was ordered to pay £725 compensation and £20 costs. Ridgeway has to pay £20 costs.

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Apart from writing his own name in black marker pen at the centre in Adlington, Cheshire, Addison also left his gang's name on the wall - The Adlington Massiv!.

The teenager vandalised a Garden Birds of Britain poster by adding "R Gay".

He then left a final message to the campsite owners - "Thanks for the stay".

Police found him after entering his name in a computer system.

Inspector Gareth Woods, of Cheshire Police, said: **"There are some pretty stupid criminals around, but to leave your own name at the scene of the crime takes the biscuit."**

"This lad certainly made our job a lot easier."

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This resource was kindly contributed by Ginette Kriche. **Rt/E1.1** Follow a short narrative on a familiar topic. **Rt/E2.1** Trace and understand the main events of chronological and instructional texts.

Name _____   Date_____

- Answer the questions.
- Use complete sentences.

1. What does the word <u>burglar</u> mean?

2. What does the word <u>vandal</u> mean?

3. What does the word <u>scene</u> mean?

4. What were the burglars' names?

5. Why were they caught so easily?

6. How old was Addison?

7. What else did he write on the wall?

8. How did the Police find him?

9. What was his final message to the campsite owners?

10. What must Ridgeway do now?

11. How much compensation must Addison pay?

12. How much do they each have to pay for the costs?