

Solution for 5.3 Fruits of Labour (Answer = PINEAPPLE)

The lateral step here is to guess that all teams must end up with the same score at the end of the league. The only way to accomplish this is if all teams end up with 24 points. The following teams can then be determined uniquely:

- Arsenal needs 0 points (4 losses)
- Liverpool needs 2 points (2 draws, 2 losses)
- Everton needs 5 points (1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss)
- United needs 7 points (2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss)
- Oldham needs 8 points (2 wins, 2 draws)
- Aston Villa needs 9 points (3 wins, 1 loss)
- Sunderland needs 12 points (4 wins)

totalling 12 wins, 7 draws, 9 losses

The other 3 teams satisfy:

- Chelsea needs 3 points (1 win, 3 losses) or (3 draws, 1 loss)
- Man City needs 4 points (1 win, 1 draw, 2 losses) or (4 draws)
- Newcastle needs 6 points (2 wins, 2 losses) or (1 win, 3 draws)

So between those 3 teams, we need 3 more losses than wins. This is also unique:

- Chelsea (1 win, 3 losses)
- Man City (1 win, 1 draw, 2 losses)
- Newcastle (2 wins, 2 losses)

The winners can then be determined uniquely:

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United
Sunderland
Everton
Aston Villa
Newcastle
Aston Villa
(draw)
Newcastle
(draw)
Aston Villa
Sunderland
Chelsea
Oldham
(draw)
Man City
Oldham
Sunderland
(draw)
United
Sunderland
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Taking the first letter than spells "USE ANANAS COMOSUS", which refers to the scientific name for a **PINEAPPLE**.