

Prelude

A puzzling incident. A perplexing disappearance. An enigmatic problem. The clues have been gathered, but I will need a team of puzzle solvers to help me this time.

Thank you for joining me to solve this baffling mystery. I will tell you all the details when we meet on 8 July. But if you can first quickly help me make sense of the following variety of substances arranged in various groups on the table, it might give you a little headstart.

Groups						
2	16	6	17	-	15	3
6	3		5	6, 2	4	5
	4			6, 4		5
	2			7, 4		
7					2	
	3	6		6, 12	2	
	2	6	6			
	2				2	
				6, 2		