

CHIP

(caught up in his fantasy)

Marigold...

Marigold Coneybear...

That's a really lovely sweater, Marigold...

PANCH

Chip. Chip. Chip!

CHIP

Sorry – is it my turn to spell?

PANCH

Yes!

RONA

A rare break in concentration from Mr. Tolentino.

CHIP

Um, can you maybe skip me now and ask me two in a row later?

PANCH

Why would you want to do that?

CHIP

I'd rather not say?

PANCH

You can either take your turn now or forfeit.

CHIP

I'll take my turn now.

RONA

Another excellent decision by the incumbent.

PANCH

TITTUP.

CHIP

What?

PANCH

The word is: TITTUP.

CHIP

Definition please.

PANCH

It means “lively movement or behavior,” or “to move restlessly.” It refers to the sound of horses’ hooves – tittup, tittup, tittup.

CHIP

Tittup. T...I...

(reluctantly, but he knows it)

T...U – Oh wait. Two T’s. You heard both, right? Backing up, T-I-T-T-U-P. Tittup.

(Ding.)

PANCH

I’m sorry, the correct spelling is T-I-T-T-U-P. Tittup.

CHIP

That’s exactly what I said.

PANCH

But first you said “T-I-T-U – Oh wait, two T’s...”

CHIP

No, but, I wasn’t sure if you heard both T’s. I obviously know how to spell it...

PANCH

(can overlap above)

“If you start to spell a word you may start over...”

ALL

...but the sequences of letters already spoken may not be changed.”

CHIP

(can overlap above)

That’s not fair. I got it right. I can’t get out on a word I spelled right.

I said two T’s. I won last year.