

## Create your own murder mystery

*Mystery stories can be very different from each other, but they often share the same elements. We're going to make up a plan for a story together. Fill in the boxes below, and by then end, you'll have your very own murder mystery.*

Firstly, we need **detectives**. You can have one, two, three or more. I like to have two so they can share ideas – and argue. Give them names and ages. You can base them on your friends, family or famous people if you like.

Now, we need a **place** where the crime was committed. Look around, above and below you for inspiration. Your place can be anywhere, but make sure the space is closed off – if *everyone* could go there, then *anyone* could have committed the crime and then it's too much! Think about the kind of people that might go to your place for later...

Oh no, this is the sad part – we need a **victim**. Poor victim. Tell me about them. Why were they at the place? What were they like? Why would someone want to harm them? What happened?

Someone must have done this terrible thing, but who? We need some **suspects**, at least three. How did they know the victim? Were they friends, family or even enemies? Did they work or go to school with each other? You tell me...

Your detectives needs some **evidence** to solve this crime, so I'm going to give you some **clues**. At your scene you find a **bootprint**, a **mobile phone** and some **hair**!

Now you have your detectives, your setting, your victim, your suspects and the clues. Now you need a **motive**. Which one of your suspects did this? How? Why? When?

Murderously good job – you wrote a mystery story! All you need to do now is give it a **title** so I can find it in the shops.