**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.

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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…

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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?

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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…

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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?

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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.

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