

Murder Mystery

Making Inferences

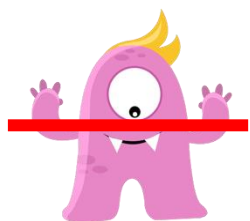
Instructions



There has been a crime at the Christchurch Museum! Read the text, answer the questions and solve to clues to find the criminal.

There are 4 clues. **Solve them in order to find the criminal.** As you solve clues, cross out suspects who may not be involved, and write your clues on your 'Clue Sheet'. Once you have solved all of the clues, you will have eliminated 4/5 of the suspects, with only the criminal remaining.

Example: The clue is, "The criminal is not pink" – This means that you **cross out anyone who is pink.**



Good Luck!



Teacher Tips

- ☐ Students read the text, answer the questions and eliminate 'people' from the suspect list.
- ☐ Ensure you do the clues in order. If the students do clue 4 first, they will have worked out the final answer. Start with clue 1.
- ☐ Print pages 3-9, double sided, 2 to a page.

Name: _____

Clue Sheet



Clue Sheet. Write your answers below.

Clue 1

Clue 2

Clue 3

Clue 4

Answer

Name: _____



Suspects



Suspect 1



Scarlet

Trident



Suspect 2



Olivia

Suspect 3



Piper

Suspect 4



Ben

Suspect 5



Damo



Name: _____



The Museum Murder

Clue 1

Ella had been looking forward to the class trip to the Christchurch History Museum for weeks. Today was finally the day. As she stepped through the large glass doors with her classmates, she couldn't stop staring at the ancient fossils, sparkling gemstones and enormous dinosaur skeletons.

The biggest attraction was the famous Blue Star Diamond, displayed inside a secure glass case in the centre of the museum. Their teacher, Mrs Carter, reminded everyone to stay with their groups and not touch anything. Just as the tour was about to begin, a loud scream echoed through the museum.

Clue 2

Everyone rushed towards the Ancient Treasures Gallery. Lying beside the shattered diamond display was the museum's head curator, Mr Harrison. He wasn't moving.

Police officers quickly arrived and sealed every exit.

Detective Harper knelt beside the curator before standing to address the crowd.

"I'm afraid Mr Harrison has been murdered," she said quietly. "No one may leave the museum until we discover who is responsible."

Ella looked around the room. Five people stood nearby, each looking shocked—but one of them seemed more nervous than the others.

Clue 3

While the detectives examined the scene, Ella noticed several unusual details. Muddy footprints led away from the display case. A torn blue scarf was caught on a nearby bench. Someone had dropped a silver key beside the museum café, and a half-finished cup of coffee sat on the curator's desk.

Detective Harper noticed Ella studying the clues.

"You've got sharp eyes," she said with a smile. "Good detectives don't just look—they notice things other people miss."

Ella nodded. She had a feeling the clues were connected, but she'd need to think carefully to work out what they really meant.

Clue 4

Questions from the entire text.



Name: _____



Clue 1



Highlight the sentences that are true. Use the letters at the end of those sentences to find your first clue. **Ignore the letters from the sentences that are false.**

1. Ella was excited to visit the Christchurch History Museum. **B**
2. The Midnight Ruby was kept safely in a glass display because it was valuable. **O**
3. Mr Harrison allowed everyone to touch the museum displays. **T**
4. The girl carrying the stack of books enjoyed learning about history. **O**
5. The visitors were happy when they saw Mr Harrison lying beside the shattered display case. **R**
6. The students understood something terrible had happened after hearing the loud crash. **K**
7. Everyone was shocked by what they saw near the display case. **S**

The criminal doesn't have...



Name: _____



Clue 2



Shade the squares that have the correct answers. Cross out squares with wrong answers. Unscramble the letters at the end to find your clue. This clue has two words.

M The crowd believed something serious had happened.	R Detective Harper thought Mr Harrison's death was an accident.	N The police wanted to stop anyone from leaving the museum.
Y Most people were shocked by what they saw.	T Everyone looked equally calm while Detective Harper spoke.	L Ella thought one visitor seemed more nervous than the others.
S Detective Harper believed the murderer was still inside the museum.	P The visitors were allowed to leave after the police arrived.	S Ella realised the mystery had only just begun.

The criminal doesn't have a...

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Name: _____



Clue 3



Take the letters from the correct answers and write them below. The first letter is given to you.

1. What can you infer from the muddy footprints near the display case?

A) The museum floor was always muddy.

R) Someone had walked through mud before entering the gallery.

M) Ella made the footprints.

3. What can you infer about Detective Harper when she praised Ella?

B) She was angry with Ella.

D) She thought Ella was observant.

P) She wanted Ella to leave the museum.

5. What does Ella realise about the clues?

G) They all belong to her teacher.

N) They might be connected.

C) They are useless.

2. Why did Ella notice the unusual details?

L) She already knew who the murderer was.

S) She was bored and looking around.

I) She was paying close attention like a detective.

4. Why might the torn blue scarf be important?

O) It was just a decoration.

E) It could be an important piece of evidence.

F) It proved Mr Harrison was alive.

6. What can you infer from Detective Harper's advice?

T) Good detectives notice small details.

H) Good detectives ignore evidence.

Y) Good detectives guess quickly.

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Clue 4



Draw a line to match each question with the correct answer. Write the letter groups below to find your final clue.

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2. What can you infer about Ella by the end of the story?
3. Which clue seems most likely to help solve the mystery?
4. What important lesson did Detective Harper teach Ella?

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TED) The police needed to keep everyone inside until they discovered who was responsible.

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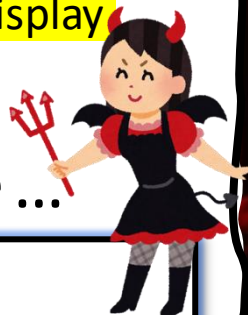
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MAGNIFYING/GLASS





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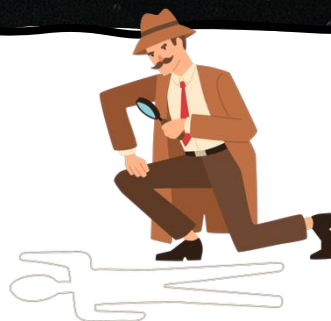


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BOOKS

Clue 2

The criminal doesn't have a...

MAGNIFYING GLASS

Clue 3

The criminal doesn't have a...

TRIDENT

Clue 4

The criminal has a...

TEDDY SHIRT

Answer

BEN