

Detective's Toolkit

Welcome, Detective! Use this toolkit to help you solve the mystery of Professor Finch's death.

Key Vocabulary

1. **Suspect:** (noun) A person who police or others think might be guilty of a crime.
 - *Example: Everyone at the dig site is a suspect.*
2. **Alibi:** (noun) A story or proof that a suspect was not at the place of the crime when it happened.
 - *Example: "What is your alibi for last night?"*
3. **Motive:** (noun) A reason for doing something, especially committing a crime.
 - *Example: Did anyone have a strong motive to kill Professor Finch?*
4. **Evidence:** (noun) Facts, objects, or signs that show something is true or that someone is guilty.
 - *Example: The Abydos Dagger is important evidence.*
5. **Clue:** (noun) A piece of information that helps solve a mystery or a crime.
 - *Example: Each character has a clue.*
6. **Witness:** (noun) Someone who saw a crime or an event happen.
 - *Example: Was there a witness to the argument?*
7. **Investigate:** (verb) To try to find out all the facts about something, especially a crime.
 - *Example: We need to investigate everyone's story.*
8. **Accuse:** (verb) To say that someone has done something wrong or illegal.
 - *Example: "I accuse Marcus Thorne of the murder!"*
9. **Deny:** (verb) To say that something is not true, or that you did not do something.
 - *Example: "That's not true! I deny it."*
10. **Archaeologist:** (noun) A person who studies ancient cultures by looking at old buildings, tools, and objects.
11. **Artifact:** (noun) An object made by people in the past (e.g., tools, jewelry, pottery).
12. **Excavation:** (noun) The act of digging in the ground to find old objects or buildings.
13. **Curse:** (noun) Magic words that are believed to bring bad luck or harm to someone.
14. **Argument:** (noun) When people speak angrily to each other because they disagree.
15. **Secret:** (noun) Something that is kept hidden or not told to other people.

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Useful Sentence Patterns & Questions

Asking about location/alibi:

- “Where were you last night around [10 PM / the time of the murder]?”
- “What were you doing then?”
- “Can anyone confirm your alibi?”

Sharing information / clues:

- “I saw...” / “I heard...”
- “I know that...”
- “[Character’s Name] told me that...”
- “I found [an object / some information].”

Asking about relationships/feelings:

- “What was your relationship with Professor Finch?”
- “How did you feel about Professor Finch?”
- “Did you argue with Professor Finch recently?”

Expressing suspicion:

- “I think [Character’s Name] is acting suspiciously because...”
- “It seems strange that...”
- “Why did you...?”

Accusing:

- “I think [Character’s Name] killed Professor Finch.”
- “My evidence shows that you are the killer.”

Defending yourself:

- “That’s not true!” / “I didn’t do it!”
- “I was at [place]...”
- “I have an alibi.”

Asking for more details:

- “What do you mean?”
- “Can you explain that more?”
- “Tell me more about...”