

A MURDER-MYSTERY WORD SEARCH

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HOW TO SOLVE



FIND THE WORDS · READ THE CLUES · NAME THE KILLER

Every case hides four scenes. Buried in the grids are six pieces of evidence and six suspects. Find them all, then follow the clues to four answers: the victim, the weapon, the killer, and the room where it happened.

Step 1: Search the Scenes

Find all six evidence words and all six suspects across the four grids. Each suspect is hiding in two different scenes, so every suspect turns up twice.

Step 2: Spot the Weapon

Exactly one piece of evidence shows up in two scenes instead of one. That repeated object is the murder weapon.

Step 3: Corner the Killer

Look at the two scenes where the weapon was found. Only one suspect appears in both of them. That suspect is your killer.

Step 4: Decode the Victim

Some letters in the grids are circled. Ignore any circle that lands inside a word you already found. Unscramble the leftover circled letters to reveal the victim's name.

Step 5: Pin the Location

Now hunt for the victim's name hidden in the grids. The scene it appears in is exactly where the crime took place.

WORK THE STEPS IN ORDER · THE EVIDENCE NEVER LIES

CASE ZERO

WORKED EXAMPLE (SOLVED)

A finished case so you see how it works: every word is found, the weapon appears in two scenes, the killer is the suspect in both, the circled leftover letters spell the victim, and the victim's scene is the location.

Q STAGE

X	Q	A	W	N	Z	O	C	D	B	R
R	K	P	Z	M	P	B	I	G	F	M
J	B	W	R	S	Y	U	D	C	L	P
N	R	B	I	V	D	T	N	O	L	E
E	A	W	Q	R	Y	L	J	Z	Y	K
I	G	R	B	I	E	E	K	G	P	I
G	L	M	E	G	N	R	M	Z	F	F
H	C	U	U	T	P	M	P	I	C	O
B	A	M	E	E	I	I	Z	Q	R	U
O	R	H	N	A	X	A	A	I	D	A
R	L	B	P	N	B	U	W	N	H	E

Q LOBBY

Z	T	W	K	V	R	G	J	W	W	A
A	X	X	A	G	W	Y	E	N	J	E
P	D	M	R	I	D	Y	Q	Z	F	I
R	Y	P	U	B	T	M	O	Q	D	N
C	Z	A	Y	J	R	E	F	Y	R	F
W	N	R	N	Z	C	W	R	O	E	O
K	M	E	Y	S	J	O	P	N	E	R
F	H	P	E	J	W	E	D	R	H	M
Z	N	A	Y	N	G	H	I	L	O	A
D	Y	E	E	M	O	W	X	Y	R	N
O	O	R	P	S	P	O	T	Q	O	T

Q DRESSING ROOM

P	M	F	L	D	F	L	S	Y	Z	P
N	H	H	G	Q	Y	B	Z	S	M	F
U	V	I	G	U	X	L	U	Y	J	R
N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	Y	K	E
Z	R	Q	L	L	T	W	F	V	Z	I
V	J	L	O	W	B	N	Y	N	G	F
Q	C	K	D	T	H	E	S	X	S	I
C	W	I	A	T	J	R	T	O	T	N
T	D	R	E	G	U	L	A	R	S	G
T	V	T	C	E	K	K	Q	U	F	A
K	V	V	Y	X	O	Q	Q	X	F	M

Q BALCONY

E	A	R	K	B	U	T	L	E	R	P
F	U	B	E	Z	Z	X	F	R	J	E
W	T	T	V	T	M	U	A	R	U	X
V	E	N	F	L	Y	R	E	E	E	H
B	C	Q	A	Y	I	G	O	K	L	V
E	G	L	U	M	U	N	L	Z	D	S
Q	L	G	E	L	R	D	D	S	N	G
X	T	T	A	A	K	O	E	A	A	K
B	W	R	T	P	V	Q	F	R	C	F
J	G	R	F	O	M	E	D	N	B	T
U	T	J	N	I	B	F	R	T	I	F

EVIDENCE

☒ ☐ MAGNIFIER☒ ☐ ROPE

SUSPECTS

☒ ☒ OWNER☒ ☒ REGULAR☒ ☒ WIRE☒ ☐ BOTTLE☒ ☒ WAITER☒ ☒ BUTLER☒ ☐ CANDLE☒ ☐ CLEAVER☒ ☒ NEIGHBOR☒ ☒ INFORMANTWEAPON: WIREKILLER: WAITERVICTIM: L I N D ALOCATION: BALCONY

Q ICE STORE

H J M G P S Q Q R G Z
H O P X V I Q T L H C
B J N B Z (H) M V S P T
Y W G U (A) S I T K I S
R E T I A W L Z F Z (E)
H K P Y E Z B X I J (U)
W H J R G S H S E P G
Q K I F L G W U X O G
K W R T S (I) R U O T D
P O I S O N Q E T M R
B P N G Q E C I J T F

Q MAIL ROOM

V O V Y L A (N) T E R N
I K B Y E P G J V E P
G R L (M) G C D U Q T R
R N V R R P E M L I A
U O U Q O F A F R A R
R K B K X N M L V W A
J L E H A L G Q (A) Z H
A R E (G) (G) N Q H M N N
A G E I X I P Z L E L
Y R G S R Z E U W L R
K P B I N K B N F Y Y

Q TOY WORKSHOP

S O R (N) A M E N T L Y
G J V I M K E K N N F
X K H T D R J K L S X
S C C M S C Q Q V R A
Y K A O (A) I J T C W Y
S G R E T N R M G P V
G T (O) D U I A U A F S
I O L A A A F G O V P
X W E Q H S X C E T C
I Y R F W I G N Y R V
M F (T) H O Q F S U E H

Q SLEIGH BAY

R R S O P W W K E O B
G V G G T C H J C L P
S C N R S A D V V C N
N Y O O E R V Q E I Z
M E A O U O K X L Q X
G C I H G L Y S T K T
Q H B G T E B (R) T V R
I X U A H R S E O Z M
I N I Z D B A G B B R
Q W A C A Q O M F T J
L A N T E R N R E A A

EVIDENCE

☐ WIRE
☐ BOTTLE

☐ POISON
☐ ORNAMENT

☐ POKER
☐ LANTERN

SUSPECTS

☐ TOURIST
☐ WAITER

☐ GUEST
☐ MANAGER

☐ CAROLER
☐ NEIGHBOR

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q SAW SHED

P H H U E G X U E H F
 G Y U N J X T R F C B
 G O R C L I (I) S I U F
 K V R N F S L F E U O
 H U D E E E K S F (U) (K)
 V I D J G H D D T (U) (G)
 U X Z Z U A X P X N E
 O V R D H M N N G C V
 R P G B L X X A N L G
 Z J S W I K N W M E X
 K A P W D L W S Z Y H

Q TICKET HUT

A K S W N H Y R L Z T
 O H S T T E L L A M S
 U A C G R T D X U Z I
 U T L N L A M R H W R
 F D S O E N N V G U K
 Y I H I (R) R K G M Q I
 T J V Q R A W E E H N
 P O K E R U L V U R G
 H (G) R Y B C O D S L L
 I D W S N M K T S E R
 N A I U R N F E E Z O

Q TREE ROWS

O E O I D Q B X S B Z
 R F L N K C W L C O F
 N P C D V K O M M R Z
 A X A Q Z K Q F E K O
 M Z N S E D E G R J F
 E (G) D Q (N) J N O J C R
 N U L E P A D Q J C Z
 (T) E E Q R N S T T B H
 C S G T E X K D N K F
 B T (S) V P N X L P K Q
 G (S) F F N O H P Z J C

Q NETTING BENCH

M W Y Q J B S S X J W
 Y M C W V P P G K P X
 B D A C B M A E Q B G
 N G L N F M P T J P D
 T P F T A C C L Q B I
 O W A C T G V R E G Z
 (U) U I T H R E K O P P
 R (I) P X Y H W R F J U
 I R B I C E P (I) C K Q
 S P O R O D (N) E V V V
 T I Q E R G M I C Z U

EVIDENCE

☐ ORNAMENT
☐ Mallet

☐ CANDLE
☐ ICEPICK

☐ POKER
☐ WRENCH

SUSPECTS

☐ TOURIST
☐ MANAGER

☐ UNCLE
☐ STRANGER

☐ VENDOR
☐ GUEST

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q SUN DECK

T L Z L Q X J C F V B
 E A M (H) J Y L V R (E) Z
 W V O A C Z T G W N K
 N I Y P N N E S K D O
 T R C X C A E A R O D
 X J A S J L G R N R X
 B F N V A V R E W E W
 K U D M T Y M G (R) J U
 I A L V U X S N F J K
 Z P E F Y C Y R R C K
 C J (L) Y C G (W) E N N R

Q SAUNA

T Z D F K Z L D F O T
 V A U L K (L) B J R S (I)
 P W O R R B X Z S F N
 T L H V E C J K J F S
 P W P E L G U Z E E E
 T C A C (C) X A D O M L
 S A I (I) D W H N U G K
 Y N A S T H X J A X N
 Q D A S P E Q U O M M
 D L Z B C (R) R Y T C D
 M E V F X J I G W O V

Q SKI LIFT

K N I F E W T J Y V M
 F Z Y D F A L E E D T
 E X Y K F O G N Q S E
 W (D) Z R C B D Q L Y E
 X J F K V O E L B I D
 K H X R R Q E T N F (E)
 U M C U L W U P R J Y
 Z E F Z R N T O X R P
 M C Z D J O Y T Z E Y
 Z R E L O R A C C Y S
 C K R E L C I A I U O

Q BOOT ROOM

T C T B V G Q B A D G
 Y R A J U A J W Z T B
 D K K R L V S F Y E W
 (S) M R G O D A R L T U
 D G (I) U T L E L P R R
 U Z V L L T E J S E S
 K F A S I J D R V A S
 K R L A Y M O A J O B
 E O W S K C (E) V L C L
 P U M D M L R X S D N
 Y K L J (C) B K V K P I

EVIDENCE

☐ KNIFE
☐ CANDLE

☐ WRENCH
☐ CLEAVER

☐ BELL
☐ TINSEL

SUSPECTS

☐ CAROLER
☐ MANAGER

☐ WAITER
☐ VENDOR

☐ RIVAL
☐ CLERK

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q COPY ROOM

R (O) Q V I I N W I V E
W N F V L Z O F W F N
S Y V S Y H F O L E E
K D C G Y F E Q S S A
R E (L) C N (U) E J Q H N
E I B M H N S S S P S
L L (A) B S Z H R T Z F
C L V T D F E A W H Q
I S T Y N K Q C S V J
P V O B O A (C) F T D A
Z F R P K N S J L K N

Q PARTY HALL

L X J K A T E B M L H
W R U S N T B S F I S
I K O T W I N W H Q P
G P K D O X F A L D Q
V O C G N M L E S I L
I T B G R E H U I C (L)
W L C G A V V P F E V
O N O Z C T Z R L P A
J C F R N E G F U I C
K T W K A A I D C C T
D X U K J C L Y J K V

Q BUFFET NOOK

F T O Y K H B D C T M
E X R L M E S Z X D X
(P) L U M G K D W R I W
(O) B N N A D D O E Y V
R N M T S S A Y K L Y
X H E O O S W O V K F
H R O O H Z E G J S U
W X N O Z V Z L Q E T
F C (V) C U R X Z C W Y
E E N R (R) B S X K N V
L A K R B J S P P L U

Q KITCHENETTE

K H H L U E (A) K K H V
Z J G N W H D D L E J
P V K R V E N D O R B
L D E P O W J V J U E
K S Q E X M K E I Q L
R H P S V M S (R) X U L
D K G K Q K F K E Y Y
Y J U A Z X J P T L Z
I V X T V K G G G U C
M U W E D M J H P F P
X C D R Q H E (P) (O) R J

EVIDENCE

☐ POKER
☐ BELL

SUSPECTS

☐ UNCLE
☐ SANTA

☐ ICEPICK
☐ ROPE

☐ SKATER
☐ CLERK

☐ KNIFE
☐ SHOVEL

☐ VENDOR
☐ ELF

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q PRODUCE ROW

R R T S (E) U G T V R O
 S Q M O M Y V H D P I
 N (T) R X A Q G F (S) Y Q
 H P R O J A R K W W L
 B Y C A (B) Z S D V H M
 E P S Z N H (M) X J V R
 L Z L V J G G L K O R
 L N H C G S E I Y P H
 Z S H I I B I R E B C
 E V Q W R V M G I N S
 T W E B L V N V E Z S

Q LOADING BAY

O Z C P J R C V T W V
 T U U O P J A Q (A) Y V
 E V T Z U V I G H R O
 L J Q T M S H S O L K
 L I A I Y G I B T R V
 A G R M M X H N E A X
 M I H W E G X L J J R
 M X L D I S C I Y E A
 Y V Z E W K E S N H U
 Q X N H B Z L K Z N G
 W U W I R E F T U J S

Q FOOD CART

K V U M R C L E (R) K E
 A O (J) T G O X A T J K
 I K H S V X P Y B O I
 F S X V T N P (E) C T E
 U T Y Q W R W K J P L
 N E S R A W A I K I D
 F M D B I I G N T Z N
 E C E Q T R V W G P A
 L S W I (E) E I A I E C
 Q U Y Y R D W S B V R
 C V R C U O W X L P B

Q CRAFT STALL

S W U Q S L I B W W I
 C B U H D E Z A I N M
 O J Q V N D L I W U H
 U O J W D O D Y C S Y
 S F R E C W U T R L H
 I W J K B T S Z Y H K
 (N) A I Y J E H T W P T
 L (I) J V (U) P F B D H B
 C T P G S D C G Y D C
 O E N P X C (E) O D P B
 C R X X I S I R I C P

EVIDENCE

☐ Mallet
☐ Star

☐ Bell
☐ Rope

☐ Candle
☐ Wire

SUSPECTS

☐ Neighbor
☐ Waiter

☐ Stranger
☐ Clerk

☐ Guest
☐ Cousin

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

SOLUTIONS

CASE #01 • North Pole

Weapon	LANTERN
Killer	NEIGHBOR
Victim	MARTHA
Location	Sleigh Bay

CASE #02 • Tree Lot

Weapon	POKER
Killer	TOURIST
Victim	SIR KING
Location	Ticket Hut

CASE #03 • Ski Lodge

Weapon	CANDLE
Killer	MANAGER
Victim	DR WELLS
Location	Ski Lift

CASE #04 • Office Party Hall

Weapon	ROPE
Killer	SKATER
Victim	CAROL
Location	Party Hall

CASE #05 • Advent Market Stall

Weapon	WIRE
Killer	CLERK
Victim	JAMES
Location	Loading Bay

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