

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 OFFICE

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

Q SIDE ROOM

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

Q HALLWAY

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

Q ENTRANCE

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

EVIDENCE

☒ ☒ CHALK
☒ ☐ BOTTLE

☒ ☐ CORD
☒ ☐ GLOBE

☒ ☐ KNIFE
☒ ☐ RULER

SUSPECTS

☒ ☒ STRANGER
☒ ☐ STUDENT

☒ ☐ CLERK
☒ ☐ PRINCIPAL

☒ ☐ RIVAL
☒ ☐ COUSIN

WEAPON: CHALK

KILLER: RIVAL

VICTIM: C R A I G

LOCATION: HALLWAY

Q COAT RACKS

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

Q UMBRELLA STAND

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

Q LOST BIN

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

Q DOOR

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

EVIDENCE

☐ Mallet
☐ Icepick

☐ Sled
☐ Bottle

☐ POKER
☐ WIRE

SUSPECTS

☐ REGULAR
☐ RANGER

☐ MANAGER
☐ VENDOR

☐ RIVAL
☐ COUSIN

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q SUITE

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

Q VERANDA

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

Q SPA

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

Q POOL DECK

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

EVIDENCE

☐ SKIPPOLE
☐ ICEPICK

☐ SHOVEL
☐ ROPE

☐ POKER
☐ CLEAVER

SUSPECTS

☐ GUEST
☐ NEIGHBOR

☐ TOURIST
☐ COUSIN

☐ VENDOR
☐ OWNER

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q STAIRWELL

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

Q TRUNK CORNER

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

Q ATTIC LOFT

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

Q WINDOW NOOK

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

EVIDENCE

☐ SKIPPOLE
☐ ROPE

☐ POKER
☐ ICEAXE

☐ ICEPICK
☐ SHOVEL

SUSPECTS

☐ COUSIN
☐ OWNER

☐ REGULAR
☐ MANAGER

☐ GUEST
☐ WAITER

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q KITCHEN

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

Q BAR COUNTER

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

Q PATIO

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

Q BOOTH ROW

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

EVIDENCE

☐ ICEAXE
☐ ICEPICK

☐ SHOVEL
☐ WIRE

☐ SLED
☐ POKER

SUSPECTS

☐ NEIGHBOR
☐ VENDOR

☐ SKIER
☐ WAITER

☐ GUIDE
☐ REGULAR

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

Q LOCKER ROOM

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

Q LOUNGE

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

Q STEAM ROOM

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

Q SAUNA

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

EVIDENCE

☐ POKER
☐ ICEAXE

☐ SLED
☐ ICEPICK

☐ SHOVEL
☐ POISON

SUSPECTS

☐ CLERK
☐ STRANGER

☐ TOURIST
☐ RIVAL

☐ REGULAR
☐ WAITER

WEAPON: _____

KILLER: _____

VICTIM: _____

LOCATION: _____

SOLUTIONS

CASE #01 • Coat Room

Weapon	ICEPICK
Killer	MANAGER
Victim	HARRY
Location	Lost Bin

CASE #02 • Mountain Resort

Weapon	SHOVEL
Killer	VENDOR
Victim	MARTHA
Location	Spa

CASE #03 • Attic Storage

Weapon	SKIPOLE
Killer	OWNER
Victim	MR REES
Location	Stairwell

CASE #04 • Cider Bar

Weapon	SLED
Killer	GUIDE
Victim	EILEEN
Location	Kitchen

CASE #05 • Sauna Cabin

Weapon	POISON
Killer	TOURIST
Victim	MARY
Location	Locker Room

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