

MYSTERY WORDS



Alibi:	An excuse that an accused person uses to show that he or she was not at the scene of the crime
Breakthrough:	A discovery that helps solve the crime
Clue:	A fact or object that gives information toward solving the crime
Crime:	An action that breaks the law
Deduction:	Drawing a conclusion
Detective:	An investigator looking for and gathering clues
Evidence:	A thing or statement that helps to prove who committed the crime
Hunch:	A guess or feeling not based on facts
Motive:	A reason that a person does something — can include anger, hatred, love, or greed
Mystery:	Something that is unknown
Red herring:	A false clue that throws the investigator off track
Sleuth:	An investigator
Suspect:	Person who has a motive to have committed a crime
Witness:	Person who has knowledge about a crime