**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