

# MYSTERY WORDS



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