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# The Detective's Dictionary

**alibi** - an excuse that a suspect uses to show that he or she was somewhere other than at the scene of the crime when the crime was committed

**clue** - a fact or object that helps to solve mysteries

**crime** - an act that is against the law

**detective** - a person who investigates mysteries and gathers information

**evidence** - something that helps prove who committed the crime

**mystery** - something that is secret and unknown

**red herring** - a false lead that throws the investigator off track

**sleuth** - another name for a detective

**suspect** - a person who is believed to have *possibly* committed the crime

**victim** - someone who is harmed or suffers some loss because of the crime

**witness** - someone who saw the crime being committed and can provide some information

