

### Planning Your Mystery

| Setting  | What is Your Setting? |
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| <p>Decide where your story will take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a school</li> <li>• a theme park</li> <li>• your house</li> <li>• the shopping centre</li> <li>• the library</li> </ul> <p>Don't forget to include the time the crime was committed in the setting of your story.</p> |                       |

| Problem  | What is Your Problem? |
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| <p>For a story to be a mystery, there must be a puzzle, secret or mysterious problem to be solved. Decide what crime or prank has been committed, or what has been stolen, or what mysterious event will happen in your story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• something being stolen</li> <li>• something or someone gone missing</li> <li>• anonymous letters being sent to a character</li> <li>• strange smells or noises</li> </ul> <p><b><i>*Please do not choose a problem that includes violence.</i></b></p> |                       |

| Suspects   | Who are Your Suspects? |
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| <p>You need to create suspects for your mystery story. You must have at least three suspects. You will need to write a short description of each suspect and why they are suspected of committing the crime.</p> <p><b>Circle the suspect who will end up being guilty of the crime.</b></p> |                        |
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| Detective   | Who is Your Detective? |
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| <p>You will need to have a detective in your story. The detective can be child or an adult. Describe your detective and tell a little bit about him or her. If your detective has a partner or a helper, describe him or her as well.</p> |                        |

| Clues   | What are the clues in your story? |
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| <p>You must include the lead to the suspects.</p> <p>These clues might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fingerprints</li> <li>• witnesses</li> <li>• items left at the scene of the crime</li> <li>• no alibi for the suspect</li> <li>• or anything else that you think might help the reader figure out who is guilty.</li> </ul> | 1.                                |
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| <b>Sequence of Events</b>  |  |
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| <p>Using the boxes below, briefly describe the main events in your story, ending with the solution to the mystery.</p> <p>*If there are not enough boxes, attach an additional sheet of paper.</p> |  |
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