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# English: Mystery Vocab

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| 1. An excuse that an accused person uses to show that he or she was not at the scene of the crime                              | A. clue         |
| 2. An advance or discovery that helps solve a crime                                                                            | B. mystery      |
| 3. A fact or object that helps to solve mysteries                                                                              | C. purloin      |
| 4. an act committed in violation of the law                                                                                    | D. victim       |
| 5. to infer by logical reasoning                                                                                               | E. deduce       |
| 6. a person who investigates crimes and gathers information                                                                    | F. setting      |
| 7. something, such as a witness statement or object that is used as proof in a crime                                           | G. crime        |
| 8. a guess or feeling not based on known facts                                                                                 | H. distractions |
| 9. an inner drive that causes a person to do something or act in a certain way                                                 | I. sleuth       |
| 10. something that is secret and unknown                                                                                       | J. suspense     |
| 11. the arrangement of incidents in a story                                                                                    | K. detective    |
| 12. to steal or filch                                                                                                          | L. red herring  |
| 13. something that is used to divert attention from the basic issue                                                            | M. evidence     |
| 14. the time, place, environment, and surrounding circumstances of a story                                                     | N. witness      |
| 15. another name for a detective                                                                                               | O. hunch        |
| 16. a person who is suspected of a crime                                                                                       | P. suspect      |
| 17. someone who is harmed or suffers some loss                                                                                 | Q. breakthrough |
| 18. someone who saw or can give a firsthand account of something                                                               | R. motive       |
| 19. when the reader does not know the solution while he or she is reading the mystery                                          | S. plot         |
| 20. things that lead an investigator off the path, including clues that do not add up to a solution but make the search longer | T. structure    |
| 21. The way the story is set up.                                                                                               | U. alibi        |