

# Your Instant Detective Game

**Number of Players:** 4

**Total Printed Pages:** 8

The last 1 page will be cards.

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## Getting Ready to Play:

- **Do not look at any other pages** except the first 2 pages, which are the instructions you are reading now. Put the rest of the printed pages face-down in a pile.
- (as noted in the header) The last one or a few pages are cards (now on top of the face down pile of pages). Look at these pages now, and as you do, remember which corner of the pile of page is the top-left corner (of the front of the page).
- Cut each page of cards in half, so there is a left half and a right half, which are the same. Each player in the game gets one half. It is not necessary to separate the individual cards. The second page of the printed document (now on the bottom of the pile) is also an identical page of cards. It is printed as the second page only to help protect the private information on the third page. So now each player has 1 strip of cards.
- Next, carefully lift the top-left corner of the next page on top of the pile. Just peel back that corner until you can see the player's name. Your name is the very first word printed on the top-left, when you look at your page of clues. This page of clues is top-secret information only for this one player to see! In this way, make sure each player gets his or her own page of clues, and not to let the other players see. A player may look at his or her own clues as soon as they get them.
- Each player will need a pencil or pen.

## How to Play (read aloud to everyone):

- When the game begins, all players should split up around the house or area that is designated for the game, and engage in short private meetings with the other players. As a player, you want to meet up with another player, and trade some, but not all, of your clues. It works like this:
  - Two players meet up in private, or they agree to meet, and head off to a place where they will not be overheard.
  - First, the players must agree upon how many questions they will ask each other. This can be 1, 2 or 3 questions. It can not be more than 3 questions, and for games with only 4 or 5 players, you can ask only 1 or 2 questions per meeting, and not 3.
  - Ask each question, by reading aloud from any of your cards, and filling in each blank with either a Time, a Place, or a Person, as specified on the card. Two example questions: (1) Where were you at **8 O'clock?** (2) Do you know if anyone was at the **Arcade** last night?
  - When you are asked a question, ***you should only answer the question with the information you started the game with.*** You should not reveal any information you have gathered by asking questions of other players. In other words, only reveal the information that was printed on you page of clues by the printer.
  - You must give an honest and accurate answer to the question, and not attempt to mislead anyone during the game. In fact, It is very important to make double sure you are giving the correct information. This means you can trust the information you get from the other players, and the game

will be fun and fair for everyone.

- After the two players in the meeting have each asked their equal number of questions, and have made notes of the new information gained, the meeting is over. Each player will then want to seek out another meeting with another player.
- It is necessary and normal to meet with the same person more than once, and ask more questions. However, you may not meet with the same person twice in a row, without meeting someone else in between.
- Evesdropping on someone else's meeting, or spying on someone's clue sheet is not allowed (unless the players agree beforehand it shall be allowed).
- The game continues in this manner, until one player declares that she or he has solved the case. In order to do so, you must be able to answer these three questions:
  - Where was the **crime committed** and what time? (you need to know both the Location and Time)
  - Where did the criminal **stash the loot**, and what time? (you need to know both the Location and Time)
  - Where did the criminal **hide out**, and what time? (you need to know both the Location and Time)
- Since none of the players are suspects in the crime, and actually all have excellent alibis, If you are a good detective, you can solve the crime by filling out missing information on your clue sheet (by adding more letters and Xs to the empty squares). If you gain enough information about what everyone saw and did between 5pm and 9pm, you will find there are 3 locations (at 3 different times) on your chart which nobody knows anything about!
- It is known that the criminal committed the crime at a certain location and time. Then, an hour or more later, he stashed the loot at a different location, and then also at least 1 hour after that, he hid out at some third location.
- If you think you can solve the crime, you should declare it out loud. All of the players should gather together. Then you begin answering the three questions (above) in order, pausing after each one. If any player has (printed) evidence that your solution is wrong, he or she must declare it, and the game will continue. However, the same player may not attempt to solve the crime twice in a row, and so may not try again yet. If nobody has evidence that the crime did not happen the way you say, then you are correct and have won the game.

#### Optional Rules and Variations:

- IDG with Cards - Each player separates the individual cards, and when you ask a question, you must give that card to the other player. When that other player asks the same number of questions back, he or she must also give you the cards. However, if you each ask each other different questions, you won't get the same cards back. This variation adds more strategy for groups of players who have mastered the game, or for games with (older) kids who want to strategize more.
- Scheduled Breaks - After each 15 minutes of game time, there is a required 5 minute break, where no meetings are allowed. The kids can use this 'desk time' to organize their notes and strategy.

**Where were you at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock last night?**

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**Did you know if anyone went into, or was at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock last night?**

**Did you know if anyone went into, or was at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock last night?**

You must also tell me if you know that nobody was there.

You must also tell me if you know that nobody was there.

**Tell me about any vacant places, where you know that nobody was, at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock last night.**

**Tell me about any vacant places, where you know that nobody was, at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock last night.**

**Tell me everyone you saw at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock, and where they were.**

**Tell me everyone you saw at (time) \_\_\_\_ O'Clock, and where they were.**

**Tell me everything you know about (location) \_\_\_\_\_ , at all times during the night.**

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You should also include if you know nobody was there, at some time.

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**dfdfdsf** (Inspector)  
for Your Eyes Only

## Your Personal Clues

### List of Witnesses

- (A) dfdfdsf (C) fdfd  
(B) dfdsfd (D) fdfdfd  
(X) nobody

<b>5 PM</b>	At 5 O`clock you were at the Cafe. There was nobody else at the Cafe at 5 O`clock.
<b>6 PM</b>	At 6 O`clock you were at the Gym. You saw Master Sleuth dfdsfd at the Gym at 6 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the School at 6 O`clock.
<b>7 PM</b>	At 7 O`clock you were at the Arcade. You saw Agent fdfd at the Arcade at 7 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the Gym at 7 O`clock.
<b>8 PM</b>	At 8 O`clock you were at the Library. There was nobody else at the Library at 8 O`clock. You saw Inspector dfdfdsf go into the Library at 8 O`clock.
<b>9 PM</b>	At 9 O`clock you were at the Gym. You saw Reporter fdfdfd at the Gym at 9 O`clock. You also saw Agent fdfd go into the School at 9 O`clock.

	Gym	Library	Cafe	Arcade	School
<b>5 PM</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	me X	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6 PM</b>	me B	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	X X
<b>7 PM</b>	X X	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	me C	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>9 PM</b>	me D	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>

**dfdsfd** (Master Sleuth)  
for Your Eyes Only

Your Personal Clues

**List of Witnesses**

- (A) dfdfdsf (C) fdfd  
(B) dfdsfd (D) fdfdfd  
(X) nobody

<b>5 PM</b>	At 5 O`clock you were at the School. There was nobody else at the School at 5 O`clock.
<b>6 PM</b>	At 6 O`clock you were at the Gym. You saw Inspector dfdfdsf at the Gym at 6 O`clock.
<b>7 PM</b>	At 7 O`clock you were at the School. There was nobody else at the School at 7 O`clock. You saw Master Sleuth dfdsfd go into the School at 7 O`clock.
<b>8 PM</b>	At 8 O`clock you were at the Arcade. You saw Reporter fdfdfd at the Arcade at 8 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the Gym at 8 O`clock.
<b>9 PM</b>	At 9 O`clock you were at the School. You saw Agent fdfd at the School at 9 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the Library at 9 O`clock.

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**fdfd** (Agent)  
for Your Eyes Only

Your Personal Clues

**List of Witnesses**

- (A) ddfdsf (C) fdfd
- (B) ddfsfd (D) fdfdfd
- (X) nobody

<b>5 PM</b>	At 5 O`clock you were at the Gym.You saw Reporter fdfdfd at the Gym at 5 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the Arcade at 5 O`clock.
<b>6 PM</b>	At 6 O`clock you were at the Library.There was nobody else at the Library at 6 O`clock. You saw Agent fdfd go into the Library at 6 O`clock. You know that nobody was at the Arcade at 6 O`clock.
<b>7 PM</b>	At 7 O`clock you were at the Arcade.You saw Inspector ddfdsf at the Arcade at 7 O`clock.
<b>8 PM</b>	At 8 O`clock you were at the Cafe.There was nobody else at the Cafe at 8 O`clock.
<b>9 PM</b>	At 9 O`clock you were at the School.You saw Master Sleuth ddfsfd at the School at 9 O`clock. You also saw Inspector ddfdsf go to the Gym at 9 O`clock.

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**fdfd** (Reporter)  
for Your Eyes Only

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