

The Detective's Dictionary



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

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 proves 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