

SPEAK LIKE A TRUE SLEUTH

Detectives use tons of super-fancy words. Complete the activity below by matching each word to the correct description, and you'll sound like a professional super sleuth in no time.

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| 1. THIEF | A. A detailed or careful review of facts |
| 2. JUSTICE | B. A robber; someone who steals |
| 3. INVESTIGATION | C. A statement admitting guilt or wrongdoing |
| 4. MOTIVE | D. Someone who may have committed a crime |
| 5. DECIPHER | E. The act of being fair |
| 6. CONFESSION | F. To decode the meaning of something |
| 7. HEIST | G. A robbery |
| 8. SUSPECT | H. Reason or cause for committing a crime |

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To get in some extra practice thinking like a sleuth, use the words from the list above to fill in the blanks and complete the paragraph below. HINT: Each word should only be used once.

When Mr. Dudeny's classroom becomes the scene of a _____, Nancy and Bree must put their sleuthing skills to the test! They quickly jump into _____ mode, using their top secret code to exchange messages about the case. They are the only ones who can _____ their messages, which makes their code super special. But things quickly go sour when Nancy is accused by one of her classmates of committing the crime, and becomes a prime _____. After hearing this news, Nancy is determined to find out the real _____. But who would have a _____ for stealing Mr. Dudeny's precious marble? All she'll need to do is get someone to spill the beans with a _____, and soon enough _____ will be served!

Answers: 1. B, 2. E, 3. A, 4. H, 5. F, 6. C, 7. G, 8. D