

How to set up your Mystery Club



If you love reading mystery books, searching for clues and solving puzzles then why not set up a Mystery Club in your school or library? Read on for how to set up your club and for fun activities to complete together.

First, you need to let people know about your club. To do this, create a sign up sheet using the suggestions below and put it up around your school or library.

Once you have an idea of numbers, you can use the Mystery Club poster provided to let everyone know the time and date of each meeting.

What to include on your sign up sheet:

- Add a title to the top of your page, something like: **Join the school Mystery Club!**
- Outline a little about the club so that people know what they are signing up for, perhaps something like: **If you love solving clues and reading mystery books, sign up below to join our Mystery Club!**
- Leave space on the sheet for people to add their names



What to do at your Mystery Club



- **Discuss Mysteries to Solve**
 - Work together to investigate a mystery. Has an important object gone missing? Has a cryptic note been discovered? Or have books started appearing in unexpected places? Share theories and see if you can uncover the truth
- **Recap What You Know So Far**
 - Review the clues and information you've gathered. Keep a record of important discoveries using the Mystery Case Files included in this pack
- **Discuss the Next Steps**
 - Decide what needs to happen before your next meeting. Are there clues to follow up on, questions to answer, or is there evidence to gather to help solve the mystery?
- **Read and Review Mystery Books**
 - Have some quiet reading time, and use the Mystery Book Review page to record book recommendations
- **Share Your Favourite Mysteries**
 - Invite everyone to talk about the mystery books they've enjoyed most. Use the Mystery Book Review page to support discussions, but remember: no spoilers!
- **Write Your Own Mystery Story**
 - Use the Mystery Story Generator to inspire everyone to write a mystery of their own. They can develop the plot, create the characters, and see where their imagination takes them
- **Share Mystery Goodies**
 - Give everyone a special sticker and bookmark to encourage readers on their detective journeys



Mystery Club Case Files: Investigation Notes



Make notes as you begin to solve the clues. Even the smallest detail could become significant later in the investigation!

Describe the mystery that needs solving...

What do you know so far?

What do you need to find out?

Who do you need to speak to?

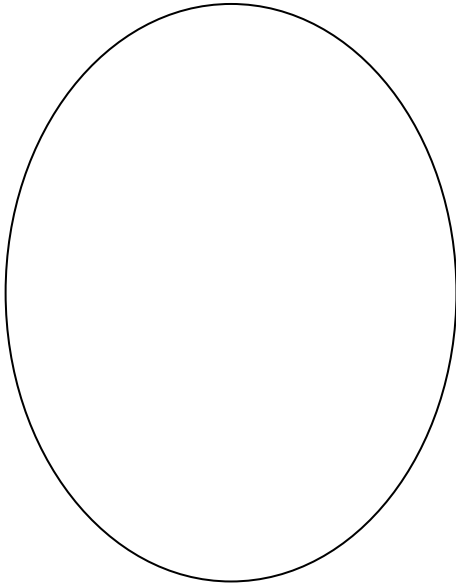
What evidence do you have?



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Mystery Club Case Files:

Suspect Record



Use this suspect file to keep a record of
anyone who might be key to the
investigation!

Suspect name: _____

What do they do?

Why are they a suspect?

Is there any supporting evidence?



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Mystery Club Case Files: Detective's Review



Lay out all of the information you have so far... and see if it leads you closer to a solution!

Date: _____ Detective's name: _____

Name of the mystery: _____

Have any clues been found?

Do you have any suspects? What makes you think that they could be involved?

What evidence has been gathered so far?

Are there any other possible explanations?



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Mystery Club Case Files: Detective's Review



Look at all of your evidence to reach a conclusion...

Do you still have any unanswered questions?

What do you think is the most likely explanation? Why?

What was the most surprising clue in this investigation?



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Make Mystery Club Membership Cards!



Use the templates below to make each member of your mystery club a membership card. Simply photocopy this sheet, carefully cut the cards out and each fill in your card.

Here are some examples for what your detective name could be:
Mystery Sleuth, Puzzle Detector, Junior Detective, Super Solver.

MYSTERY CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD

NAME: _____

DETECTIVE NAME: _____

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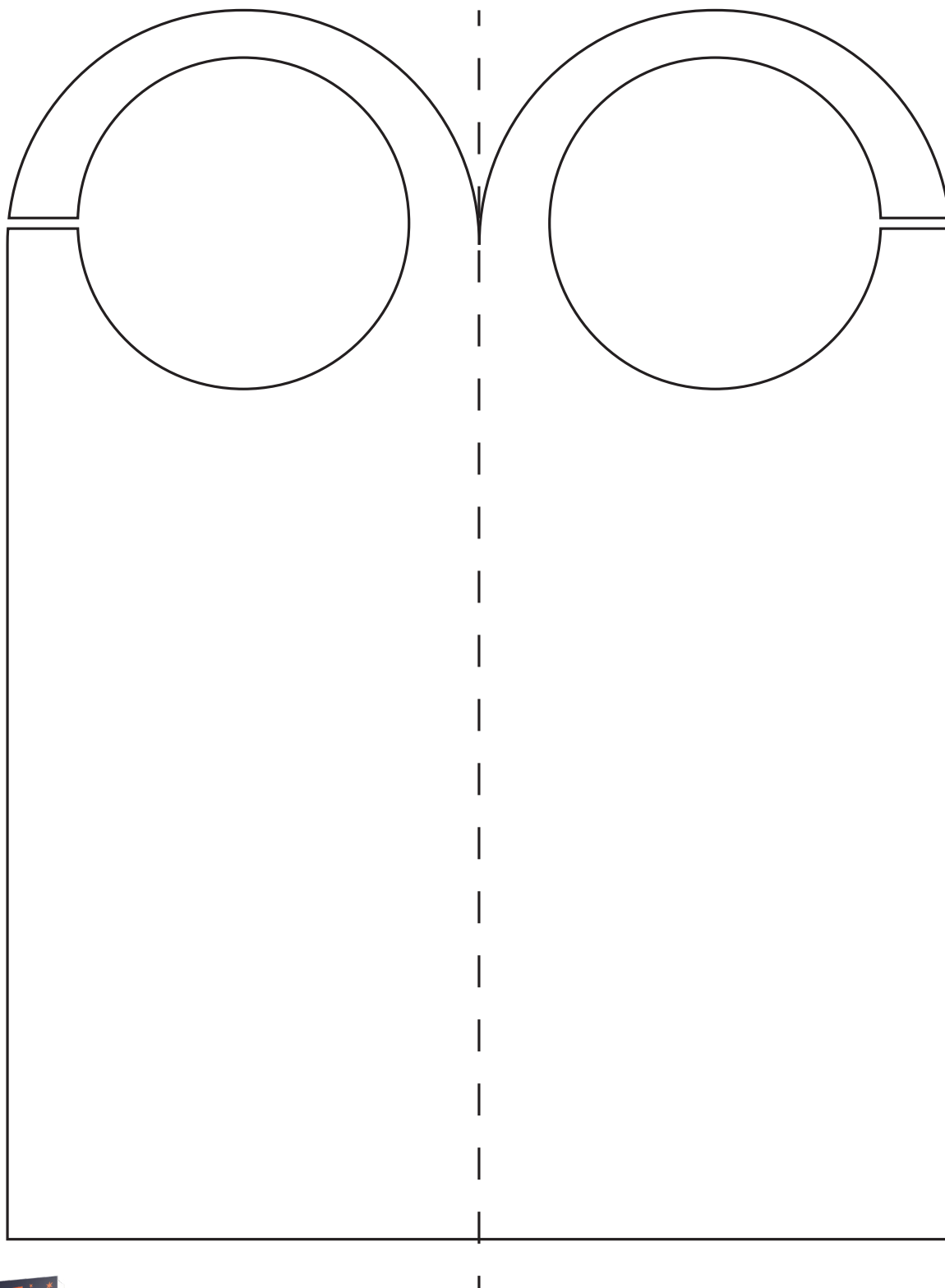
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Design a meeting sign

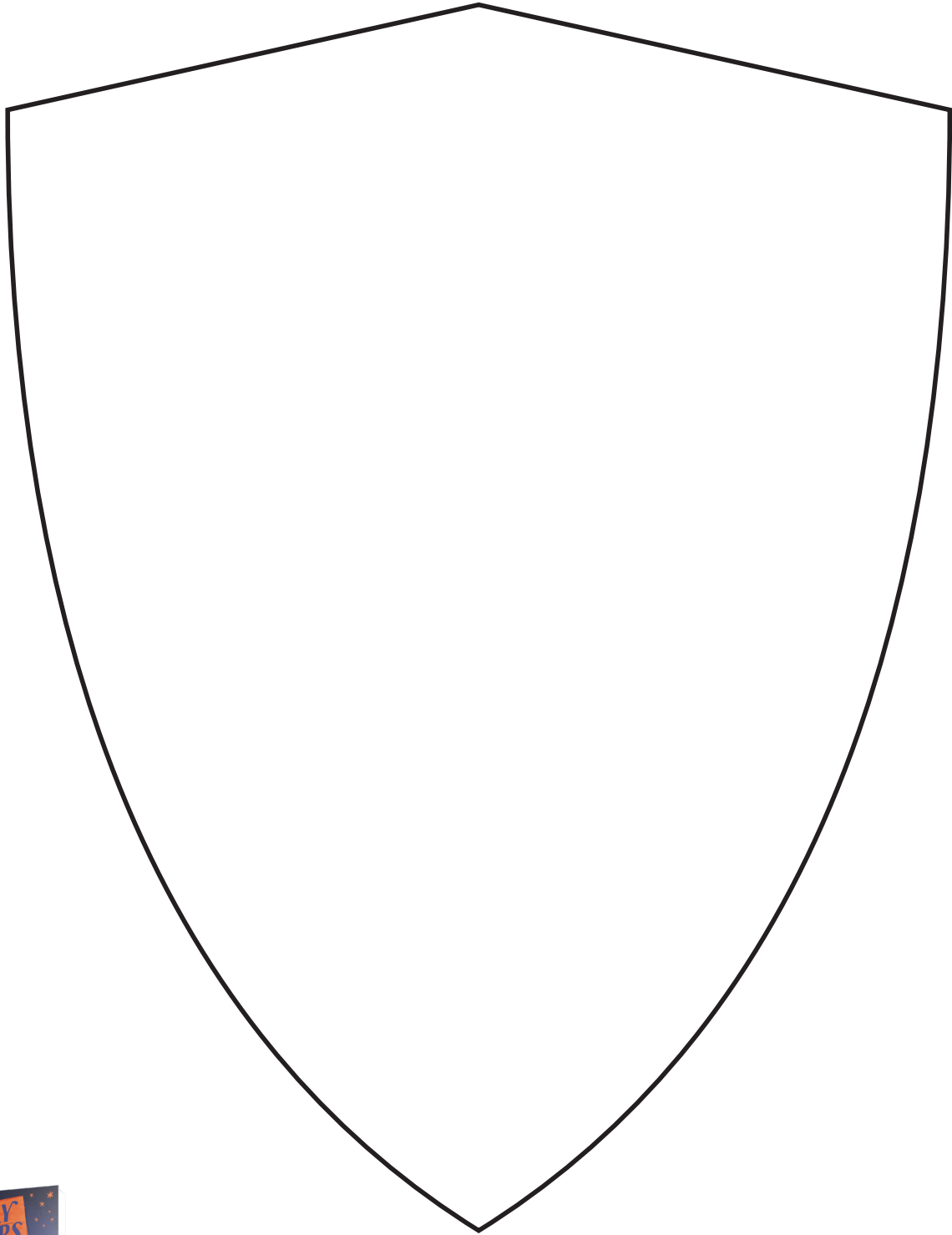


Once you've designed your meeting sign, and carefully cut it out. Then fold it down the middle and glue it together. Your sign is ready to use!



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Design your Mystery Club badge!



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WRITE A MYSTERY STORY

WITH
THE

MALORY TOWERS MYSTERY CLUB

Use this mystery story generator to help you choose a story prompt, then get writing!

- Carefully cut out the mystery story generator
- Place the printed design face down
- Fold the four corners into the middle
- Flip the paper over
- Fold the four corners into the middle again
- Fold in half
- Now use the mystery story generator to choose a mystery and write a story that solves the mystery!



Write a Mystery Book Review



Book title: _____

Author: _____

Star rating:



Favourite character:

Biggest clue:

Which clue was the most surprising?

Could you solve the mystery?

☐

YES

☐

NO

What was the biggest red herring?



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Can you predict the book's ending?



When reading a mystery book, use the prompts below to keep track of what you think will happen.

Halfway through the book, ask yourself:

Who do you think is behind the mystery?

What clues make you think this?

At the end of the book:

Were you right? -----

How did your opinion change as you read the book?

Were there any red herrings in the book?



Definition: RED HERRING

A clue or false information designed to mislead

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Code Solver!



Use this grid to decipher the coded message below:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

GSV PVB RH SRWWVM

— — — — —

FMWVI GSV OZITVHG GILKSB

— — — — —

Now you've solved the code, why not try
writing your own messages using this
code, or design one of your own!



Answer: THE KEY IS HIDDEN UNDER THE LARGEST TROPHY

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Character Anagrams



Can you solve the anagrams below?
Clue: Each one is a character's name from
Malory Towers Mystery Club

I A R E M

— — — — —

L S I E H A

— — — — —

A G M T R E R A

— — — — —

M A M E

— — — — —

Now you've solved these anagrams
why not make your own based on your
name and those of your friends!



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Famous Detectives Wordsearch



Can you find all the famous fictional detectives
in the wordsearch below?

H	T	H	E	S	E	C	R	E	T	S	E	V	E	N
S	H	E	R	L	O	C	K	H	O	L	M	E	S	I
P	E	O	I	L	F	T	H	A	R	F	I	M	I	T
O	R	D	H	A	E	D	Y	T	H	E	L	T	Y	H
I	C	A	D	A	I	S	Y	W	E	L	L	S	Z	E
H	U	O	R	T	H	F	N	A	C	T	O	C	L	F
E	L	L	A	H	R	D	N	M	D	O	P	O	N	A
R	E	N	O	L	A	H	O	L	M	E	S	O	M	M
N	P	H	E	R	M	A	P	L	R	P	O	B	I	O
B	O	H	A	Z	E	L	W	O	N	G	I	Y	R	U
M	I	S	S	M	A	R	P	L	E	M	T	D	S	S
L	R	D	R	W	E	N	A	W	A	T	S	O	N	F
P	O	C	O	P	L	R	N	A	T	O	I	O	P	I
M	T	H	E	H	A	R	D	Y	B	O	Y	S	O	V
S	N	A	N	C	Y	D	R	E	W	S	N	P	E	E

Hercule Poirot

Miss Marple

Sherlock Holmes

Watson

Nancy Drew

The Famous Five

The Hardy Boys

Daisy Wells

Hazel Wong

The Secret Seven

Scooby Doo

Enola Holmes

