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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 stoy | **N.** witness |
| **15.** another name for a detective | **O.** hunch |
| **16.** a person who is suspended 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 |