The Lying Witness

40 Find the Killer Mystery Puzzle Cases for Adults: Spot the One False Statement, Run the Evidence Checks and Name the Killer, Solutions Included

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How to Solve a Case

Every case has a table of suspects and a list of clues. Each row lists a suspect's number, name, age, height, hair, eyes, job, how they get around, home town and pet.

The twist: in every case, exactly one clue is a lie. If you use every clue, nobody fits. Your job is to find the false clue and the killer.

Cross check: try leaving out one clue at a time. Only one clue can be left out so that exactly one suspect fits all the others. That clue is the lie, and that suspect is the killer. Each case was checked by computer, so there is only one way this works.

Tip: work through the clues and watch for the one that knocks out the suspect every other clue points to. Clue words mean exactly what they say: "40 or older" includes 40.

Two Evidence Checks on every case tell you if you are on track. Do the sum, then find the total in the Evidence Register near the back. If your total is not listed for that case, check your work again.

Solutions at the back name the lie and show how many suspects are left after each true clue.

Easy Cases

55 suspects, 13 clues per case, one of them false

CASE 1 | EASY

The Broken Auction

Delia Quinn, a watch maker, was found at the bottom of the stairs at a charity ball. 55 people were nearby that night. One witness lied: exactly one clue below is false.

CLUES (ONE IS A LIE)

1. The killer's last name has 6 letters or less.
2. The killer is 74 or younger.
3. The killer has a pet bird or has a pet dog.
4. The killer is between 5 ft 4 in and 6 ft 5 in.
5. The killer has a pet bird or has a pet cat or has a pet fish.
6. The killer's last name has 6 letters or more.
7. The killer is between 5 ft 5 in and 5 ft 9 in.
8. The killer is 26 or older.
9. The killer is between 5 ft 4 in and 5 ft 8 in.
10. The killer has green or hazel eyes.
11. The killer is between 45 and 72.
12. The killer lives in Brookvale, Dunmore or Elmwood.
13. The killer has red hair.

EVIDENCE CHECKS

Check 1: use clues 1 to 6 exactly as written (lie or not). Count the suspects still standing, add 77, and look up the total in the Evidence Register.

Check 2: add the number of the false clue to the killer's suspect number, add 133, and look up the total.

False clue: ____ Killer: suspect number _____ Name: _____

Case 1 Suspects (1 to 55 of 55)

#	Name	Age	Height	Hair	Eyes	Job	Transport	Town	Pet
001	Felix Kirby	41	5 ft 2 in	Black	Brown	Baker	Pickup	Harbor Point	Fish
002	Nathan Tucker	48	5 ft 6 in	White	Hazel	Driver	Motorbike	Cedar Hill	Bird
003	Cecil Lyle	52	5 ft 4 in	Brown	Blue	Lawyer	Motorbike	Harbor Point	Dog
004	Floyd Dawson	78	5 ft 10 in	Brown	Gray	Lawyer	Motorbike	Ashford	Bird
005	Olive Fenwick	50	5 ft 9 in	Blond	Blue	Teacher	Bicycle	Ashford	Bird
006	Harold Yates	77	5 ft 9 in	Red	Gray	Lawyer	Bicycle	Glenrock	Cat
007	Monica Lyle	43	4 ft 11 in	Blond	Blue	Nurse	Sedan	Cedar Hill	Cat
008	Bonnie Farley	72	5 ft 7 in	Red	Green	Baker	Van	Elmwood	Fish
009	Rhoda Radley	40	5 ft 4 in	Red	Hazel	Artist	SUV	Glenrock	Fish
010	Theo Foster	24	5 ft 6 in	Black	Gray	Teacher	Bicycle	Glenrock	Cat
011	Pamela Hayes	66	5 ft 7 in	Gray	Green	Pilot	Bicycle	Glenrock	Bird
012	June Wright	23	5 ft 8 in	Red	Blue	Pilot	Van	Brookvale	Bird
013	Monica Winslow	73	5 ft 4 in	Brown	Hazel	Artist	Van	Brookvale	Cat
014	June Lockwood	25	5 ft 5 in	Red	Green	Teacher	Bicycle	Harbor Point	Bird
015	Kathleen Morrow	24	5 ft 2 in	Red	Brown	Chef	Motorbike	Brookvale	Cat
016	Rupert Hayes	74	5 ft 9 in	Black	Gray	Pilot	Sedan	Elmwood	Dog
017	Angela Drake	30	5 ft 8 in	Blond	Gray	Farmer	Van	Dunmore	Bird
018	Henry Norris	58	5 ft 2 in	Gray	Green	Artist	Hatchback	Harbor Point	Dog
019	Oscar Irwin	36	6 ft 0 in	Black	Gray	Lawyer	Van	Fairview	Bird
020	Henry Booth	75	5 ft 1 in	Gray	Brown	Baker	Van	Ashford	Fish
021	Ivy Winslow	49	5 ft 10 in	Black	Brown	Clerk	Bicycle	Brookvale	None
022	Carmen Reeves	28	6 ft 5 in	Red	Gray	Doctor	Bicycle	Dunmore	Cat
023	Alan Underwood	31	5 ft 9 in	Black	Hazel	Nurse	Sedan	Elmwood	Dog
024	Daniel Fisher	55	6 ft 4 in	Blond	Gray	Mechanic	Bicycle	Ashford	Fish
025	Norman Fenwick	46	5 ft 10 in	Brown	Brown	Artist	Bicycle	Fairview	Cat
026	Philip Kendall	26	5 ft 5 in	Blond	Brown	Banker	Coupe	Harbor Point	Dog
027	Karl Brennan	67	5 ft 9 in	Red	Hazel	Chef	Pickup	Cedar Hill	Fish
028	Arthur Doyle	61	5 ft 8 in	Blond	Brown	Teacher	Hatchback	Cedar Hill	None
029	Wesley Hughes	46	5 ft 4 in	Red	Gray	Mechanic	Hatchback	Elmwood	Bird
030	Irene Clarke	49	5 ft 2 in	Black	Hazel	Lawyer	Pickup	Elmwood	Cat
031	Clara Hardy	28	5 ft 4 in	Black	Green	Pilot	Van	Dunmore	Fish
032	Colette Bradley	22	5 ft 9 in	Brown	Blue	Teacher	SUV	Harbor Point	Cat
033	Gordon Hughes	73	6 ft 0 in	White	Brown	Chef	SUV	Fairview	Dog
034	Zelda Ashby	38	5 ft 9 in	Red	Hazel	Doctor	Bicycle	Dunmore	None
035	Silas Holt	43	5 ft 3 in	Red	Brown	Banker	Motorbike	Elmwood	Cat
036	Ada Dixon	68	5 ft 5 in	Red	Green	Nurse	SUV	Elmwood	Cat
037	Nathan Ashby	67	5 ft 10 in	Red	Hazel	Chef	Bicycle	Elmwood	Fish
038	Kathleen Wilder	78	4 ft 11 in	White	Blue	Clerk	SUV	Cedar Hill	Dog
039	Yvonne Webb	53	5 ft 9 in	Red	Hazel	Artist	SUV	Cedar Hill	None
040	Ada Tucker	35	5 ft 5 in	Blond	Brown	Doctor	Motorbike	Brookvale	Cat
041	Tobias Underwood	28	5 ft 10 in	Red	Green	Teacher	Van	Harbor Point	None
042	Evelyn Irwin	77	5 ft 11 in	Blond	Green	Teacher	Motorbike	Harbor Point	None
043	Hannah Gibson	29	5 ft 9 in	Red	Hazel	Mechanic	Bicycle	Fairview	Bird
044	Julian Keane	75	6 ft 3 in	Red	Green	Florist	Bicycle	Dunmore	Dog
045	Keith Harlow	44	5 ft 6 in	Red	Green	Banker	Pickup	Brookvale	Fish
046	Elliot Lockwood	52	6 ft 0 in	Black	Hazel	Artist	SUV	Fairview	Bird
047	Holly Drake	78	5 ft 7 in	Brown	Green	Florist	Hatchback	Cedar Hill	Fish
048	Marcus Wright	27	5 ft 1 in	Red	Blue	Driver	Sedan	Harbor Point	Cat
049	Irene Brennan	63	5 ft 9 in	Black	Brown	Artist	Coupe	Glenrock	Bird
050	Tobias Sinclair	63	5 ft 7 in	Gray	Green	Florist	Bicycle	Ashford	Cat
051	Ida Hale	77	6 ft 5 in	Blond	Blue	Farmer	Hatchback	Cedar Hill	Fish
052	Clara Dawson	53	5 ft 7 in	White	Gray	Florist	Sedan	Cedar Hill	None
053	Theo Pearce	27	5 ft 10 in	Blond	Brown	Driver	SUV	Brookvale	Cat
054	Karl Slater	66	5 ft 6 in	Blond	Hazel	Mechanic	Sedan	Elmwood	Cat
055	Tobias Winslow	40	5 ft 2 in	Gray	Gray	Clerk	SUV	Brookvale	Fish

CASE 2 | EASY

The Missing Telegram

Sandra Duncan, a stamp collector, was found in the wine cellar at a seaside fish market. 55 people were nearby that night. One witness lied: exactly one clue below is false.

CLUES (ONE IS A LIE)

1. The killer is 5 ft 6 in or taller.
2. The killer is 27 or older.
3. The killer is between 4 ft 11 in and 5 ft 7 in.
4. The killer's last name has 6 letters or less.
5. The killer has brown, gray or hazel eyes.
6. The killer is 61 or younger.
7. The killer lives in Ashford, Dunmore or Fairview.
8. The killer is 6 ft 3 in or shorter.
9. The killer has brown or gray eyes.
10. The killer's last name has 6 letters or more.
11. The killer has blond, gray or red hair.
12. The killer's suspect number is even.
13. The killer has a pet cat or has a pet fish or has no pet.

EVIDENCE CHECKS

Check 1: use clues 1 to 6 exactly as written (lie or not). Count the suspects still standing, add 53, and look up the total in the Evidence Register.

Check 2: add the number of the false clue to the killer's suspect number, add 129, and look up the total.

False clue: ____ Killer: suspect number _____ Name: _____

Case 2 Suspects (1 to 55 of 55)

#	Name	Age	Height	Hair	Eyes	Job	Transport	Town	Pet
001	Stanley Fleming	51	5 ft 9 in	Black	Blue	Doctor	Pickup	Elmwood	Fish
002	Victor Holt	54	5 ft 8 in	Brown	Hazel	Banker	Bicycle	Cedar Hill	Dog
003	Clifford Walsh	66	5 ft 5 in	Black	Green	Farmer	Bicycle	Ashford	Bird
004	Alice Jarvis	25	5 ft 11 in	Black	Brown	Teacher	Van	Dunmore	Cat
005	Evelyn Irwin	47	5 ft 8 in	Black	Green	Nurse	Van	Harbor Point	Dog
006	Karl Dalton	21	5 ft 10 in	Black	Green	Driver	Sedan	Ashford	Fish
007	Ida Thorne	52	5 ft 4 in	Gray	Brown	Driver	Pickup	Elmwood	Bird
008	Evelyn Winslow	62	4 ft 10 in	Black	Hazel	Lawyer	Motorbike	Harbor Point	None
009	Colette Carter	35	6 ft 5 in	Brown	Green	Baker	Hatchback	Elmwood	Cat
010	Miles Hendricks	62	5 ft 1 in	Gray	Green	Banker	Bicycle	Cedar Hill	Dog
011	Andrea Barlow	21	5 ft 6 in	Red	Blue	Banker	Coupe	Brookvale	Bird
012	Victor Calloway	48	5 ft 1 in	White	Hazel	Artist	Bicycle	Dunmore	Cat
013	Gemma Conway	23	5 ft 6 in	Gray	Green	Driver	SUV	Fairview	Dog
014	Elena York	61	5 ft 8 in	Gray	Blue	Florist	Van	Cedar Hill	Cat
015	Ada Booth	28	5 ft 6 in	Brown	Green	Lawyer	Pickup	Elmwood	Fish
016	Angela Wilder	47	6 ft 2 in	Red	Brown	Lawyer	Bicycle	Fairview	None
017	Felix Ingram	48	5 ft 0 in	White	Green	Mechanic	SUV	Elmwood	Dog
018	Joan Ogden	56	6 ft 0 in	Gray	Gray	Pilot	Coupe	Ashford	Bird
019	Walter Nash	75	5 ft 6 in	Black	Gray	Mechanic	Pickup	Fairview	Bird
020	Bernard Burke	59	5 ft 6 in	Brown	Hazel	Chef	Coupe	Fairview	Bird
021	Elena Dalton	63	6 ft 1 in	Black	Brown	Florist	Van	Cedar Hill	Fish
022	Viola Cole	22	5 ft 11 in	Blond	Brown	Lawyer	SUV	Brookvale	Dog
023	Pamela Slater	42	5 ft 8 in	Red	Gray	Mechanic	Coupe	Ashford	Fish
024	Edgar Lyle	55	5 ft 5 in	White	Brown	Lawyer	Sedan	Harbor Point	None
025	Vernon Foster	42	5 ft 7 in	Black	Hazel	Lawyer	Hatchback	Cedar Hill	Dog
026	Viola Lambert	29	5 ft 2 in	Black	Hazel	Clerk	Coupe	Elmwood	Dog
027	Olive Calloway	76	5 ft 9 in	Red	Blue	Banker	Sedan	Harbor Point	Dog
028	Esther Warren	52	6 ft 4 in	Gray	Hazel	Chef	Motorbike	Ashford	Fish
029	Mildred Fleming	70	5 ft 7 in	Black	Hazel	Baker	Hatchback	Dunmore	Fish
030	Nathan Sawyer	52	5 ft 5 in	Gray	Blue	Teacher	Coupe	Cedar Hill	Bird
031	Rupert Newell	64	5 ft 6 in	Red	Brown	Pilot	Van	Glenrock	Dog
032	Stella Reeves	48	5 ft 4 in	Red	Gray	Lawyer	Bicycle	Cedar Hill	Cat
033	Stanley Jarvis	66	6 ft 0 in	Red	Blue	Driver	SUV	Elmwood	Fish
034	Patrick Jarvis	56	5 ft 3 in	White	Brown	Farmer	Hatchback	Cedar Hill	Bird
035	Isaac Porter	51	5 ft 11 in	Red	Blue	Chef	SUV	Cedar Hill	Fish
036	Floyd Underwood	36	4 ft 10 in	White	Hazel	Nurse	Coupe	Cedar Hill	None
037	Sylvia Warren	49	5 ft 10 in	Brown	Gray	Clerk	Sedan	Glenrock	Dog
038	Floyd Gibson	72	5 ft 5 in	Blond	Green	Florist	Bicycle	Glenrock	Bird
039	Ida Mercer	76	5 ft 6 in	Brown	Green	Driver	SUV	Fairview	Dog
040	Emil Lowell	40	4 ft 11 in	Black	Blue	Lawyer	SUV	Harbor Point	Cat
041	Colette Fleming	42	5 ft 8 in	Red	Green	Nurse	Bicycle	Brookvale	Bird
042	Miles Bradley	78	4 ft 10 in	Black	Blue	Nurse	Hatchback	Dunmore	Fish
043	Quentin Hendricks	47	5 ft 6 in	Red	Blue	Nurse	Coupe	Fairview	Fish
044	Robert Vance	51	6 ft 4 in	White	Brown	Driver	SUV	Brookvale	Cat
045	Ivy Fisher	46	5 ft 2 in	Blond	Blue	Baker	Motorbike	Harbor Point	Cat
046	Ada Newell	25	5 ft 8 in	Red	Blue	Driver	SUV	Harbor Point	Cat
047	Martin Lyle	71	5 ft 1 in	White	Blue	Mechanic	Coupe	Brookvale	Bird
048	Laura Hendricks	20	4 ft 10 in	Black	Blue	Chef	Hatchback	Brookvale	Cat
049	Viola Abbott	24	5 ft 9 in	Brown	Hazel	Lawyer	Motorbike	Harbor Point	Dog
050	Dennis Lawson	34	5 ft 5 in	Red	Blue	Teacher	Pickup	Glenrock	Bird
051	Felix Booth	53	5 ft 7 in	Blond	Green	Nurse	SUV	Ashford	Cat
052	Laura Rowe	69	5 ft 6 in	Red	Brown	Lawyer	Hatchback	Ashford	Cat
053	Oscar Lockwood	49	5 ft 8 in	Gray	Hazel	Driver	Hatchback	Dunmore	None
054	Mildred Parker	44	5 ft 11 in	Gray	Gray	Florist	Van	Ashford	Bird
055	Stanley Pearce	50	5 ft 11 in	Brown	Gray	Teacher	Van	Ashford	None

CASE 3 | EASY

The Painted Station

Miles Pike, a retired judge, was found poisoned at the night train to Port Ellis. 55 people were nearby that night. One witness lied: exactly one clue below is false.

CLUES (ONE IS A LIE)

1. The killer's last name has between 5 and 6 letters.
2. The killer is between 28 and 65.
3. The killer is 5 ft 4 in or taller.
4. The killer is between 38 and 53.
5. The killer has gray, green or hazel eyes.
6. The killer is 5 ft 10 in or shorter.
7. The killer is 48 or younger.
8. The killer has a pet bird or has a pet fish.
9. The killer has a pet dog or has no pet.
10. The killer has blond or brown hair.
11. The killer has blond hair.
12. The killer has green or hazel eyes.
13. The killer's first name starts with D, G or Q.

EVIDENCE CHECKS

Check 1: use clues 1 to 6 exactly as written (lie or not). Count the suspects still standing, add 34, and look up the total in the Evidence Register.

Check 2: add the number of the false clue to the killer's suspect number, add 104, and look up the total.

False clue: ____ Killer: suspect number _____ Name: _____

Case 3 Suspects (1 to 55 of 55)

#	Name	Age	Height	Hair	Eyes	Job	Transport	Town	Pet
001	Frances Fisher	54	5 ft 7 in	Blond	Brown	Banker	Bicycle	Brookvale	Bird
002	Lillian Hughes	44	4 ft 11 in	Gray	Brown	Clerk	Bicycle	Brookvale	None
003	Olive Hale	61	5 ft 2 in	White	Green	Mechanic	Van	Ashford	Fish
004	Sylvia Dixon	46	6 ft 0 in	White	Blue	Pilot	Motorbike	Fairview	Dog
005	Gavin Conway	67	6 ft 0 in	Brown	Brown	Banker	Motorbike	Ashford	Fish
006	Mabel Hardy	71	5 ft 9 in	Brown	Brown	Driver	Van	Harbor Point	None
007	Jack Blake	19	5 ft 5 in	White	Gray	Florist	Van	Fairview	Fish
008	Grace Lockwood	68	6 ft 0 in	Black	Hazel	Doctor	Motorbike	Harbor Point	Fish
009	Theo Radley	36	5 ft 3 in	Brown	Hazel	Teacher	Coupe	Fairview	Fish
010	Alan Darby	69	6 ft 0 in	Red	Green	Artist	SUV	Cedar Hill	Bird
011	Stella Wade	54	5 ft 4 in	Brown	Blue	Clerk	Bicycle	Glenrock	Cat
012	Samuel Gibson	67	5 ft 6 in	Blond	Hazel	Clerk	Motorbike	Harbor Point	Dog
013	Wesley Drake	41	5 ft 1 in	Blond	Hazel	Clerk	Motorbike	Ashford	Fish
014	Pearl Burke	46	5 ft 0 in	Blond	Blue	Pilot	Sedan	Harbor Point	Cat
015	Henry Goodwin	54	5 ft 1 in	Gray	Hazel	Lawyer	Pickup	Brookvale	Cat
016	Xavier Reeves	25	5 ft 3 in	White	Gray	Driver	Sedan	Harbor Point	Bird
017	Marcus Parker	41	5 ft 6 in	Blond	Hazel	Mechanic	Sedan	Fairview	None
018	Barbara Ellis	47	5 ft 9 in	Red	Green	Baker	SUV	Brookvale	None
019	Oscar Monroe	71	5 ft 9 in	Black	Blue	Teacher	Motorbike	Glenrock	None
020	Viola Monroe	79	5 ft 6 in	White	Hazel	Mechanic	Van	Cedar Hill	Cat
021	Diane Pearce	39	5 ft 4 in	Red	Blue	Banker	Sedan	Fairview	None
022	Robert Conway	36	5 ft 5 in	Brown	Gray	Farmer	Coupe	Elmwood	Cat
023	Howard Wright	33	5 ft 1 in	Gray	Blue	Mechanic	SUV	Harbor Point	Fish
024	Gilbert Cole	28	5 ft 7 in	Brown	Gray	Banker	SUV	Ashford	Dog
025	Stella Vance	36	5 ft 3 in	Black	Gray	Banker	Hatchback	Harbor Point	None
026	June Fenwick	70	5 ft 4 in	Brown	Brown	Baker	Coupe	Fairview	Dog
027	Walter Pearce	52	5 ft 3 in	Blond	Brown	Teacher	Bicycle	Brookvale	Bird
028	Vera Dalton	77	5 ft 1 in	Blond	Gray	Driver	Pickup	Elmwood	Cat
029	Gordon Gibson	26	5 ft 6 in	Red	Blue	Mechanic	SUV	Harbor Point	Dog
030	Daniel Porter	39	5 ft 9 in	Blond	Gray	Driver	SUV	Elmwood	Dog
031	Arthur Vaughn	46	5 ft 9 in	Brown	Hazel	Doctor	SUV	Cedar Hill	None
032	Theo Fleming	66	4 ft 10 in	Black	Brown	Driver	Sedan	Cedar Hill	None
033	Willa Wolfe	48	5 ft 10 in	Brown	Blue	Doctor	Hatchback	Elmwood	Bird
034	Janet Lockwood	73	6 ft 0 in	Red	Blue	Artist	Bicycle	Fairview	Cat
035	Viola Porter	22	5 ft 3 in	Red	Blue	Lawyer	Pickup	Dunmore	None
036	Pamela Pike	32	5 ft 11 in	Blond	Blue	Clerk	Pickup	Dunmore	None
037	Karl Brooks	29	5 ft 3 in	Black	Hazel	Doctor	Sedan	Elmwood	Bird
038	Irene Maddox	47	5 ft 11 in	Blond	Hazel	Florist	Coupe	Ashford	Bird
039	Nathan Sutton	23	5 ft 5 in	Brown	Hazel	Doctor	SUV	Elmwood	Fish
040	Pamela Irwin	27	6 ft 0 in	Gray	Blue	Mechanic	Motorbike	Brookvale	Bird
041	Ruth Sawyer	38	5 ft 9 in	White	Green	Farmer	Sedan	Harbor Point	Bird
042	Patrick Graves	49	5 ft 1 in	Red	Brown	Nurse	Hatchback	Brookvale	Dog
043	Sandra Bennett	43	5 ft 6 in	Blond	Gray	Farmer	Hatchback	Elmwood	Fish
044	Dennis Quinn	38	5 ft 6 in	Blond	Green	Clerk	Motorbike	Elmwood	Dog
045	Julian Hooper	78	4 ft 11 in	Brown	Brown	Florist	Hatchback	Elmwood	None
046	Rachel Thorne	36	5 ft 6 in	Red	Brown	Pilot	Bicycle	Brookvale	Bird
047	Oscar Parker	45	4 ft 11 in	Gray	Green	Lawyer	Sedan	Dunmore	Fish
048	Arthur Reeves	42	6 ft 3 in	Blond	Hazel	Doctor	Coupe	Dunmore	Dog
049	Felix Farley	38	5 ft 9 in	Red	Brown	Artist	Bicycle	Brookvale	Bird
050	Julian Lyle	22	5 ft 10 in	Red	Blue	Doctor	Pickup	Dunmore	Dog
051	Thelma Sinclair	36	5 ft 11 in	Blond	Hazel	Clerk	SUV	Glenrock	Bird
052	Maxine Calloway	24	5 ft 7 in	Brown	Blue	Lawyer	Bicycle	Harbor Point	Bird
053	Mildred Wright	50	5 ft 7 in	Blond	Gray	Pilot	Bicycle	Cedar Hill	Bird
054	Amos Vaughn	41	5 ft 6 in	Black	Hazel	Driver	Coupe	Ashford	Bird
055	Thelma Thorne	57	5 ft 7 in	Gray	Gray	Pilot	Hatchback	Glenrock	Dog