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# Investigate



**Clues at the scene of the crime, fingerprints, fingerprints, codes, signals, surveillance, invisible ink, disguise.....**

**.....This Go For It is about being a Detective.**

To get started lets spend **WEEK 1** creating a crime scene. Your Guider might have a few 'props' (things you can use) but anything you find lying around the meeting place could have been part of the crime.

Is it a robbery where someone has broken in or has there been a terrible murder? What would be left behind after the crime has happened... would there be footprints, a mess, a weapon, and injured person, something missing and just a mark left where it has been or was the crime so bad that there is a body!?



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## WEEK 3: Codes and Messages

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### Secret Messages:

- Have a go at writing in invisible ink, you can use a thin paint brush, cocktail stick or a cotton bud to write with. Let the 'ink' dry (speed up with a hair-dryer on 'cool setting') and the writing should be invisible until you hold the paper under a hot light bulb/ lamp or iron it with a hot iron.

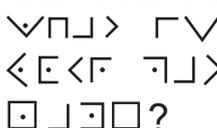
### Ideas for Heat-Activated Invisible Inks:

- Any acidic fruit juice • Onion juice
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- (What works best?)

### Codes and Signals:

- Make a code wheel and practice writing messages to each other.
- Learn some Morse Code or Semaphore.
- What are the whistle signals and hand signals that Guides traditionally use?
- Choose a secret Patrol Code word or sign.
  - Use Pig Pen Code!

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Pig Pen Code:

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