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Detective Riddles Daily Activity





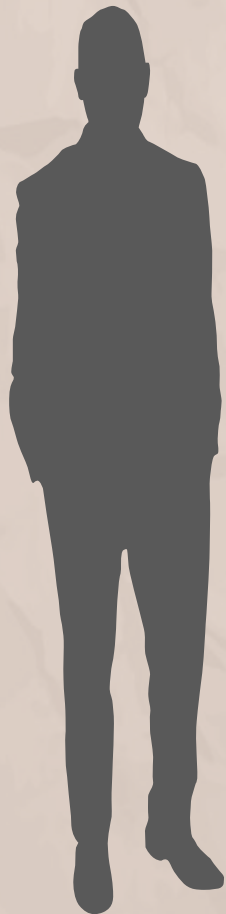
01 EMPTY CELL MYSTERY





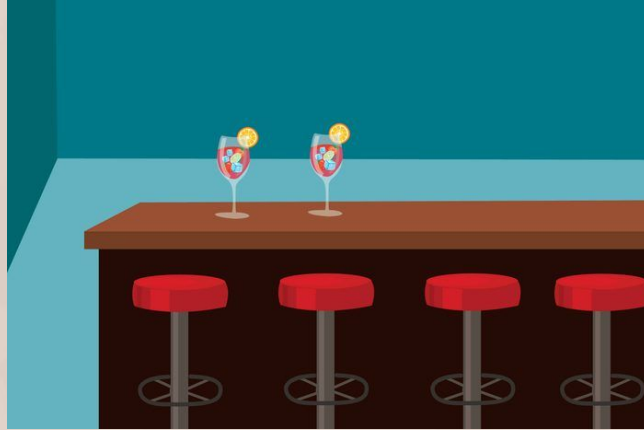
Andy is put in a cell with a dirt floor and only one window. The window is too high for him to reach. The only thing in the cell is a shovel. He won't be able to get any food or water and only has two days to escape or he'll die. Andy can't dig a tunnel because it will take him much longer than two days to do it. How will Andy escape from the cell?





02 POISONOUS DRINKS MYSTERY





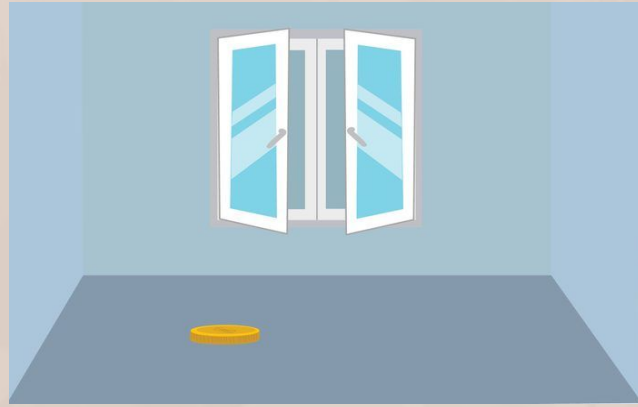
Marissa and Juliana went out for drinks together. They ordered the same drink. Juliana was really thirsty and finished five in the time it took Marissa to finish one. The drinks were poisoned, but only Marissa died. How?





03 SUICIDE OR NOT?





A dead female body lies at the bottom of a multi-story building. It looks as though she committed suicide by jumping from one of the floors.

When the detective arrives, he goes to the first floor of the building, opens the closed window, and flips a coin towards the floor. He goes to the second floor and does the exact same thing. He continues to do this until he gets to the top floor of the building.

When he comes back down, he states that it was a murder and not a suicide. How does he know that?





04 LOVE AT A FUNERAL





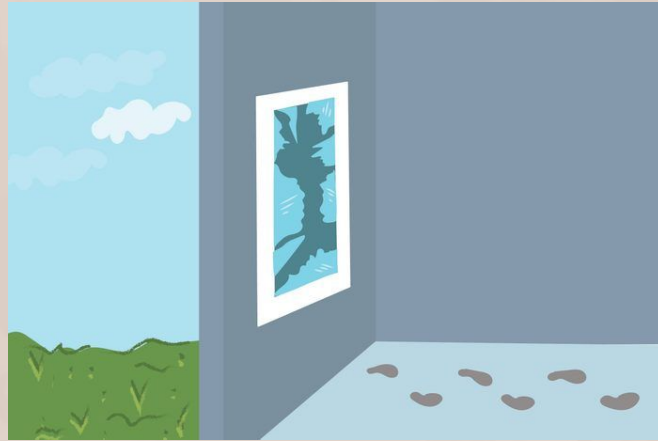
A girl is at the funeral of her mother. She meets a nice guy that she didn't know who also was at the funeral and they hit it off. She was busy at the funeral and didn't have time to ask him for his number before he left. She tried really hard to track him down, but no one knew who he was or how to contact him. A few days later her sister dies and the police suspect it to be a murder. Who killed her sister?





05 MYSTERY OF THE STOLEN RING





Nicole went to the police to report that someone had stolen her vintage ring. When the police got to her house they notice that the window was broken, there was glass outside on the lawn, there was a total mess inside, and there were dirty footprints on the carpet.

There were no other signs of a break-in.

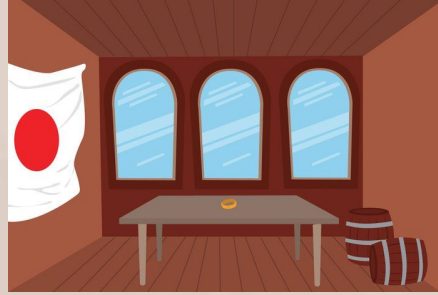
The next day, the police arrested Nicole for fraud. Why?





06 THIEF AT SEA

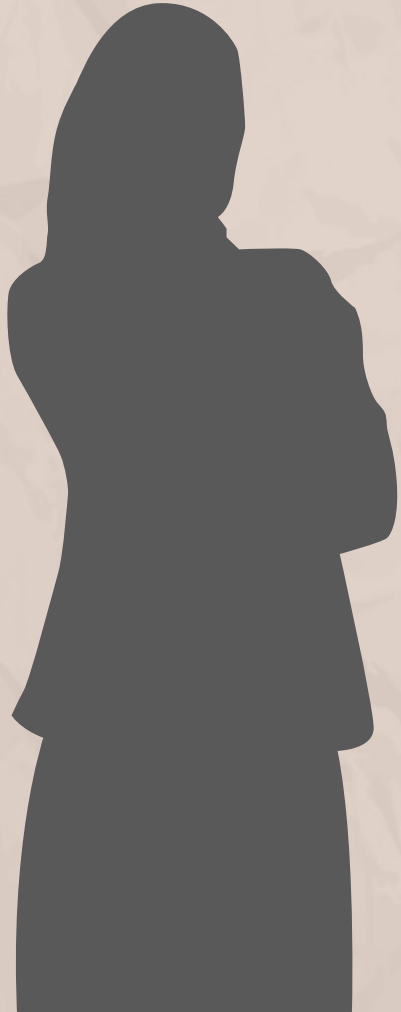




A Japanese ship was leaving the port and on its way to open sea. The captain went to go oil some parts of the ship and took his ring off so it wouldn't get damaged. He left it on the table next to his bunk. When he returned, it was missing. He had suspected three crew members could be guilty and asked them what they had been doing for the ten minutes that he had been gone. The cook said, "I was in the kitchen preparing tonight's dinner." The engineer said, "I was working in the engine room making sure everything was running smoothly." The seaman said, "I was on the mast correcting the flag because someone had attached it upside down by mistake."

The captain immediately knew who it was. How?





07 MURDER AT SCHOOL





On the first day of school, someone murdered a history teacher. There were four people at the school that the police suspected had done it: the landscaper, a math teacher, a basketball coach, and the principal. These were their alibis:

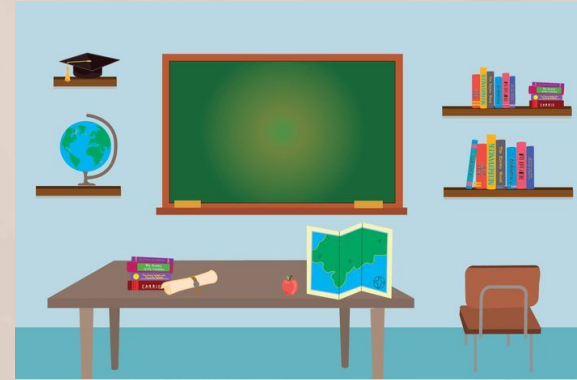
The landscaper said he was outside mowing the lawn.

The math teacher said he was giving a semester exam.

The basketball coach said he was running practice drills with his players.

The principal said she was in her office.

After giving their alibis, the police arrested the killer immediately. Who killed the history teacher and how did the police know?





08 POISONOUS PILLS





A serial killer kidnapped five different people and sat them down each with two pills in their hand and a glass of water. He told them each to take one pill but warned them that one was poisonous and the other was harmless. Whichever pill the victim didn't take, the serial killer would take. Every victim somehow chose the poisonous pill and died. How did the serial killer get them all to take the poisonous pill?





09 LAST WORDS





A man was found on the floor dead with a cassette recorder in one hand and a gun in the other. When the police arrive at the scene they pressed play on the recorder. It was the man's voice. He said, "I have nothing else to live for. I can't go on," followed by the sound of a gunshot. After listening, the police knew that this was a murder, not a suicide. How?



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Agatha Christie



Agatha Christie

The Queen of Crime

- Born in 1890 in Torquay, England.
- Youngest child of an American father and British mother.
- She did not attend formal school because her mother disapproved of it, so she was largely educated at home by her father.



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- She married Archibald Christie, an aviator with the Royal Flying Corps, in 1914, and in 1919, she gave birth to her only child, Rosalind.
- She was a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross, working as a nurse during WW1.
- Christie published her first book, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, in 1920, which introduced her readers to one of her most famous characters, the infamous Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot.







In 1926, on a cold December morning, Christie left her daughter with the maids and disappeared. Her mother had recently died, and she had discovered Archibald's relationship with a pro golfer, Nancy Neale. Her car was found abandoned the next day, and a nationwide search ensued. When Christie was found eleven days later in a hotel in Harrowgate, she had no recollection of who she was. She never spoke about the incident with family or friends.



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- She divorced Archibald in 1928.
 - One of her lifelong ambitions was to travel on the Orient Express. In the autumn of 1928, she took her first trip to Baghdad aboard the OE. From there, she traveled to the archeological dig site at Ur in Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq). She returned to the site the following year, where she met the young archaeologist, Max Mallowan, who she would marry in 1930. The two formed a bond over their love for travel, and they spent the rest of their lives adventuring together.
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- That same year, Agatha Christie wrote the first full-length novel, *The Murder at the Vicarage*, featuring another beloved character, Miss Marple.
 - In 1971, she was awarded England's highest honor, Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.
 - She died in January 1976.
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- Christie had a phenomenal literary career as a writer of crime stories. She wrote 66 detective novels, as well as 14 short stories, and 20 plays, including the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*. She has earned the titles the Queen of Crime and Queen of Mystery.
 - Her book sales are only surpassed by the works of Shakespeare and the Bible. Her combined works have sold more than 1 billion (in English) and 1 billion (in translation) worldwide, making her the best-selling novelist of all time.
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And Then There Were None

- Published in 1939
- To date, it remains the best-selling mystery novel of all time.

