

**Tip 3:** Sift through all the evidence to try to find suspects.

Who might have had a reason (we call this a **motive**) to commit the crime? It could have been someone who needed money or someone who had a grudge against the victims.

Who had the necessary tools to break into the house? Did they buy them from a local shop? The shopkeepers might remember, so you should talk to them too. Does the crime follow the same pattern as any previous robberies?

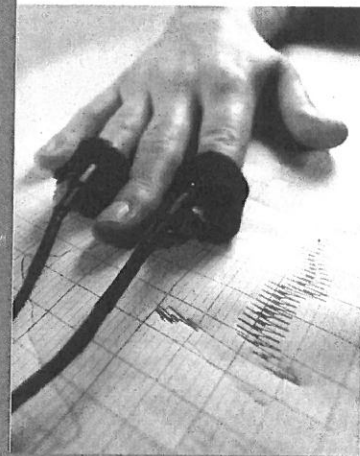
Who was in the area when the crime was committed? If a suspect can prove they were somewhere else entirely (we call this an **alibi**), you can cross them off your list.



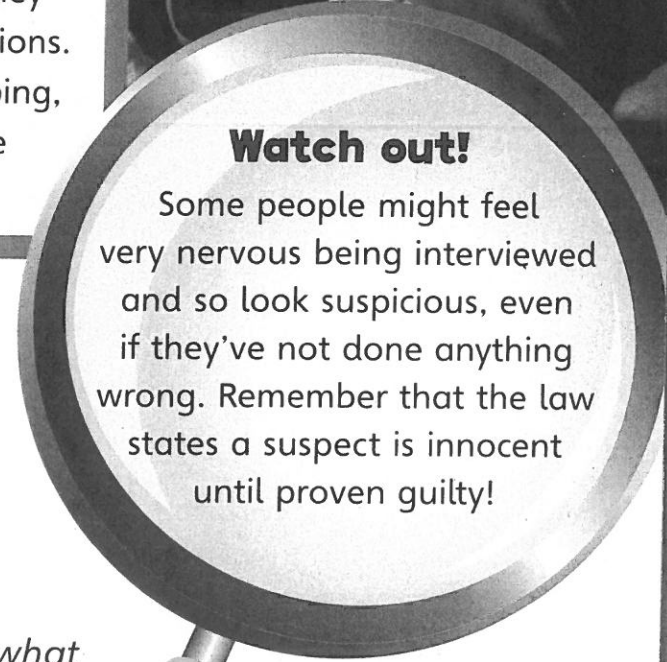
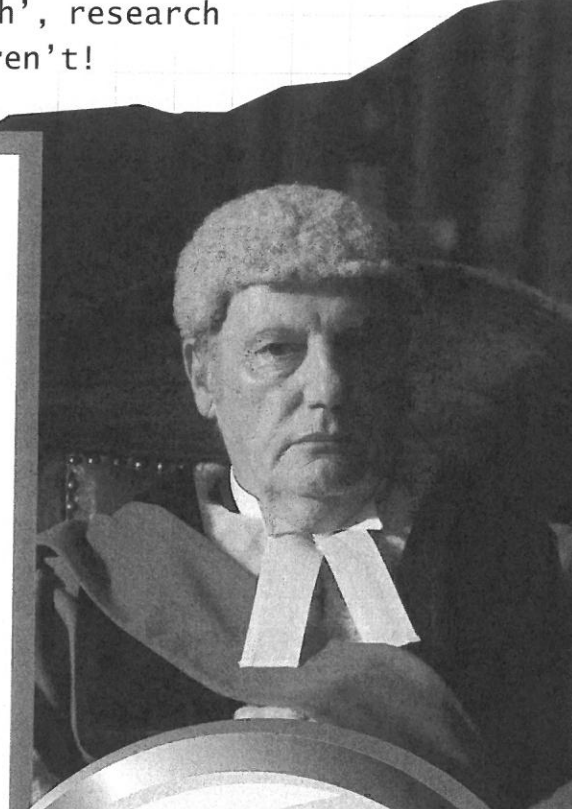
**Tip 5:** Once you've found them, go and arrest them. After that you can interview them down at the police station. Watch out for tell-tale signs in their body language - fidgeting, mumbling and avoiding eye contact can all be signs that someone is lying. If your suspect frequently says 'to be honest' or 'to tell you the truth', research has suggested that they probably aren't!

**Lie detectors**

In some countries, police are allowed to put suspects through a lie detector test. When someone is lying, the stress causes tiny changes in their breathing and heart rate. They can be



wired up to a machine called a polygraph, which monitors these changes as they answer questions. If they're fibbing, they might be found out!



If you're lucky then your suspects might confess to the crime. If not, a judge and jury in court can decide whether you're right or wrong.

*How did you do? Have you got what it takes to be a detective in the future?*

**Watch out!**

Your suspect may be using another person's identity - you'll need to be smart to keep one step ahead of them.

**Tip 4:** Think you know who committed the crime? Now all you've got to do is find them!

You may be able to obtain photos of them that you can show on TV. If not, police artists and computer experts can put together images which are nearly as good as a photo.

Try to trace the cars they might be driving, and make sure to check airport flight lists - you don't want them to leave the country and escape.

