

...The sun had already set, and Sherlock Holmes was practicing his violin in his study on 221B Baker Street.

Mrs. Hudson had left and Dr. Watson was taking down notes from their last case.

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. A persistent knock.

Another mystery for Sherlock Holmes, the legendary sleuth...









In order to write a good detective story, you need to think about:

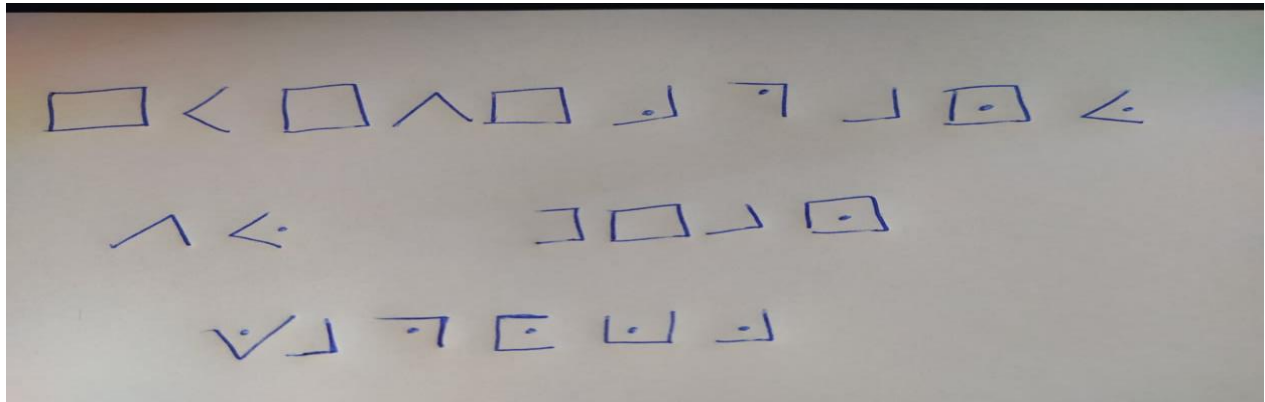
1. The **setting** (place, season, period of day, time)
2. The **characters** (age, description, backstory, secrets!)
3. The **crime** (a murder, a disappearance, a kidnapping, a robbery, a theft, etc)
4. The **instruments** (gun, knife, jewelry, telephone, message, money)
5. The **clues** (where there any strange noises, any traces, fingerprints, hair, secrets?)

If you run out of inspiration, try this game!

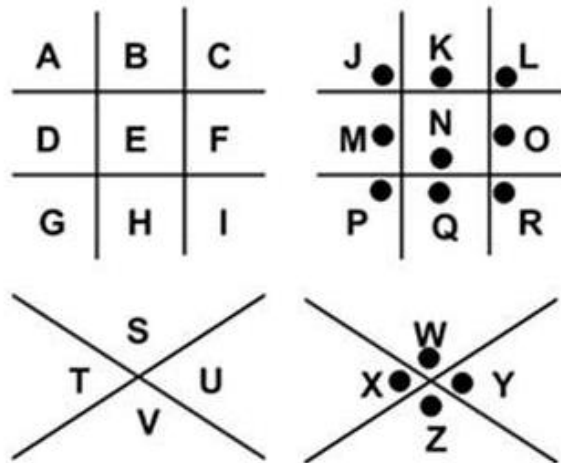


	<i>Crime</i>	<i>Setting</i>	<i>Clues</i>
	A kidnapping	A house	A note
	A disappearance	A cottage	An old photograph
	A robbery	A bank	Traces
	A theft	A library	Fingerprints
	A murder	A school	A message in code
	A ghost	A seaside hotel	Strange noises

Before you begin, try to decipher this message in code....



## Pigpen Cipher



Use this guide and alphabet to help you decode the secret Pigpen Cipher messages, and then create your own messages!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
└─┘	┌─┐	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘	└─┘
L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
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W	X	Y	Z							
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...or you can make your own secret code!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T

U	V	W	X	Y	Z	!	?		

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

*Good Luck!*