



MURDER BY DEGREES

**INFORMATION AND
SAMPLE GAME
MATERIALS**

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Thank you for downloading this information and sample file. The documents you need to run the game are contained in the main pdf file which is available to purchase.

THIS SAMPLE CONTAINS

- Instructions for running Murder by Degrees
- An invitation
- A sample from the player rounds section
- A sample from the player clues section

THE MAIN GAME CONTAINS

- Instructions
- Introduction
- Group clues
- Invitation
- Costume suggestions
- Player rounds
- Player clues
- Accusation list
- Solution
- Labels
- Optional banner

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Murder by Degrees is for 6 players. There are three female characters and three male characters. The host is responsible for printing out and organising the documents for the game (Full instructions are provided)

Games usually take two and a half to three hours and are designed to be played around a meal or a buffet

MURDER BY DEGREES

Professor Morrie R Tee, the famous Criminologist and Master of St Rumpet's College Oxbridge, is guest of honour at the graduation of the 1000th student to successfully complete the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Detection (B.A.D.) However all does not go according to plan and the Professor is found dead in his rooms whilst having afternoon tea. Did someone tamper with his teapot or was it written in the leaves? Host your own party to discover who was responsible for this dastardly deed.

Murder by Degrees

How to run this downloadable Murder Mystery Game

Instructions for ‘Murder By Degrees’ – 6 Players

Please note that this game has six characters. The male roles are Inspector Semaphore, Hercules Parrot and Ivor Mortar-Board.

1) Instructions For Printing After You Have Purchased And Downloaded

- You will need Paper (A4 or similar), scissors and 6 envelopes (minimum size 22cm by 13cm)
- You should have ready for printing:

- A/** These ‘How To Run’ instructions
 - Introduction
 - Police bulletin
- B/** Player invitations
 - Ideas for costumes
- C/** Player slips
- D/** Player clues
- E/** Accusation list
 - Solution to the Mystery
- F/** Labels
- G/** Banner

2) Printing

Print out the following:

- A/ One copy**
 - How to run
 - Introduction /group clue
- B/ Six copies**
 - Invitations
 - Costume suggestions
- C/ One copy**
 - Player slips
 - cut along the dotted lines and place each player’s slips in an envelope on which you should write their name (do this task with the papers upside down and try not to read anything!)
- D/** Print out the player clues (one copy of each). Fold each clue up from the bottom leaving only the top two lines showing
- E/** Print out one copy of the accusation list and solution taking care to fold the solution with-
out reading it
- F/** Print one copy of the labels
- G/** Print one copy of the banner if required

3) In advance of playing the game

- Allocate the characters to the players using the information on the invitation and ideas for costumes. (You must play with six players.)
- Send an invitation and ideas for costumes sheet to each player at least one week before the Murder Mystery takes place (to give them chance to organise their costumes)
- You may wish to prepare labels or nametags for each character on the night (if you do, please be careful with delicate fabrics)

4) On The Night

- Welcome your guests with a nametag or label
- Hand out the player envelopes and clues
- Read out the introduction and then the police bulletin
- Each player reads their 'Secret information' slip to themselves
- Commence the game with each player reading out his or her 'Round 1-Reveal this information now' slips (starting with the hosts)
- Work through the remaining rounds ensuring that each player has read their slip (and clue if appropriate) before moving on to the next round
- This game has ten rounds. After the final round the players should make their accusations giving their reasons. Use the list to decide the order of the accusations
- When all accusations have been made the host reads out the solution to the mystery.

Important Notes

The story and characters in this Murder Mystery are fictitious. Any resemblance to any person living or dead is purely coincidental.

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MURDER BY DEGREES

St Rumpet's College, Oxbridge takes pleasure in inviting you to a ceremony to celebrate the graduation of the 1000th student from their famous 'Criminology & Modern Detective Methods' Degree course.

Joining the successful graduates will be a number of former students of the University who have gone on to great achievements in their chosen fields and will be receiving honorary doctorates from the University.

The party will be held

ON:.....

AT:.....

YOUR ROLE WILL BE.....

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Your fellow guests will include:

- Hercules Parrott - Famous detective (He's a pretty boy)
- Miss Marbles - Famous detective (She's a knit)
- Inspector Semaphore - Famous English Policeman (Allo, Allo, Allo)
- Alma Marter - Principal of the University (She's the boss)
- Ivor Mortar-Board - Lecturer (Or should that be lecherer)
- Ella Mentary - 1000th graduating student (She can't wait for a juicy murder)

Prelude

Course lecturer, Professor Morrie R. Tee, will be presenting the degree to Miss Ella Mentary who is the 1000th student to graduate from the Bachelor of Arts course run by the Criminology Department. He will then honour the achievements of some of our old boys and girls by presenting them with honorary doctorates

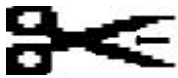
ROUND 3 ASK MISS MARBLES

ELLA MENTARY

Why does everyone refer to you as Miss Marbles? Don't you have a first name?

ASK HERCULES PARROTT

I have noticed that you haven't eaten or drunk much tonight. Don't you like the university food?



ROUND 4 TELL THE GROUP

ELLA MENTARY

The Scene of Crime Officers have just given me a copy of the campus plan, which shows where all of the master's rooms are in comparison with the Great Hall, where we are now.

PRODUCE GROUP EVIDENCE CLUE 6 AND SHOW IT TO THE GROUP



ROUND 5 ASK MISS MARBLES

ELLA MENTARY

I bet you were annoyed when Professor Tee published a thesis in which he rubbished the methods of amateur detectives and in which he actually referred to you by name.

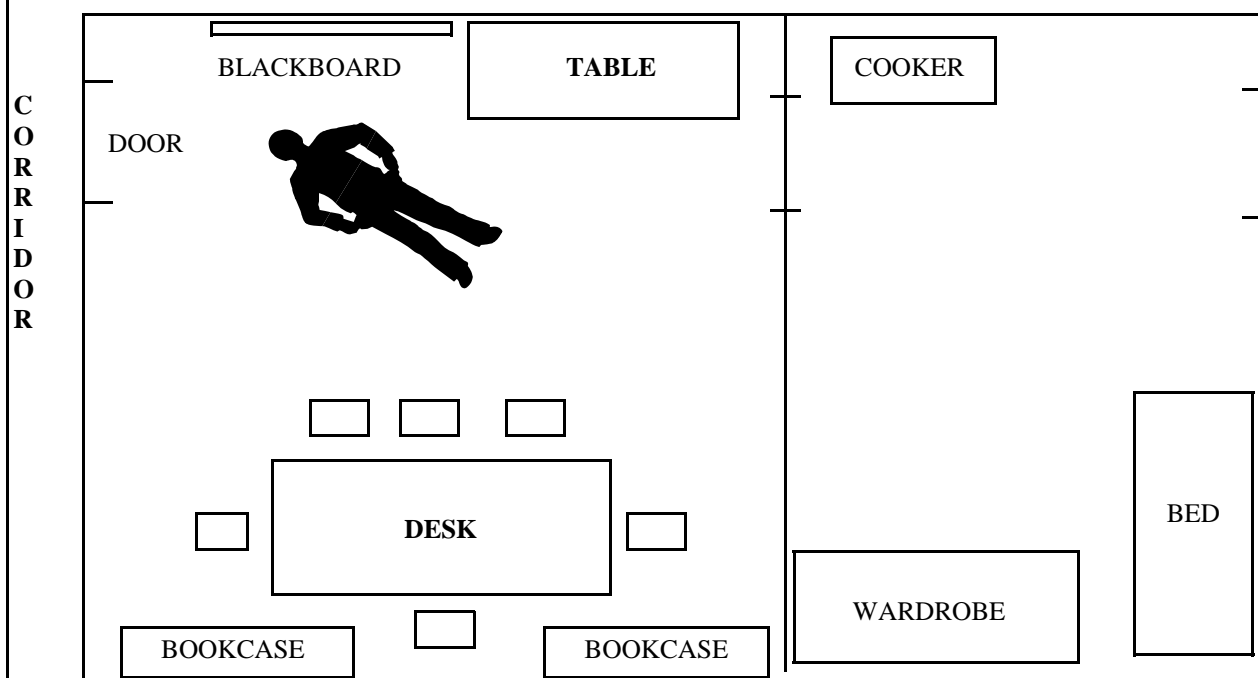
GROUP EVIDENCE CLUE 4

TO BE REVEALED BY IVOR MORTAR BOARD

ROUND 3

SCENE OF CRIME EVIDENCE REPORT

Plan of Professor Morrie R Tee's room at St Rumpets College



Notes re contents of room examined at 4.30pm

Desk— Various papers to be separately documented

Table— Contained two tea trays

Tray 1— Cold teapot, milk jug, sugar in pot, one cup (used)

Tray 2— Warm teapot, milk jug, sugar lumps in pot
(Poisoned), two cups (both used and empty),
plates containing biscuit crumbs.

(No fingerprints have yet been found on the trays and contents other than those of Professor Tee)

Blackboard— Writing to be separately photographed and documented