Inspector Clued-Up on the case!

A murder has taken place at Old Gallows Hall.
You are the famous detective Inspector Clued-Up sent to investigate the grisly murder. You need to solve the crime and arrest the murderer. You start by writing up your investigation in the form of a diary.

Make up the names of characters and invent some background to link them to the murder victim. Keep the number of characters quite small so that your investigation doesn’t become too complicated.

Make notes with the following headings:

- crime scene
- victim
- murder weapon
- clues and evidence
- suspects and their alibis
- motives
- witnesses
- theories
- the solution
- the murderer (and accomplices)

Look at the writing tips for crime in the Oxford English Thesaurus for Schools. Use the vocabulary there to make your diary more realistic and professional as you move through each room and conduct your investigation at Old Gallows Hall.

How did you do?

Give yourself one mark for every word you have used from the writing tips for crime.

0-5 words = detective constable
6-10 words = detective inspector
11-15 words = chief inspector
20 words = chief superintendent