



Who Dunit? Vocabulary

absorb	Soak up: A sponge absorbs water
Anthropometry	A system of identification of individuals by measurement of parts of the body, developed by Alphonse Bertillon.
arch	A fingerprint pattern in which the ridge pattern originates from one side of the print and leaves from the other side.
classify	To sort into groups by likenesses and differences.
dissolve	To make a solution of, by mixing with a liquid; pass into solution: to dissolve salt in water.
fingerprint	An impression of the markings of the inner surface of the last joint of the thumb or other finger.
forensic science	The study of objects that relate to a crime.
gritty	Containing or covered with grit. synonyms: sandy, gravelly, pebbly, stony.
impression	A dental impression is a negative imprint of hard (teeth) and soft tissues in the mouth from which a positive reproduction (or cast) can be formed.
latent	Present and not able to be seen but capable of becoming visible. Used to describe fingerprints that are <i>not</i> visible until they are dusted with chalk or other powders, or until they are lit with a laser.
loop	A fingerprint pattern in which the ridge pattern flows inward and returns in the direction of the origin.
motive	A reason for doing something, especially one that is hidden or not obvious.
powder	Any solid substance reduced to a state of fine, loose particles by crushing, grinding, disintegration, etc.
visible	Capable of being seen by the eye without help.
whorl	A fingerprint pattern that resembles a bull's-eye.