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Kai, Detectives!

Do you want to catch criminals? Consider yourself the modern-day Sherlock Holmes? Sounds like you're just the person we need at KidZania's Police Department!

Although we'd like to think the world is full of good, nice people in reality that isn't true for some. There are a couple of baddies out there who wreak havoc in our streets but now it's your job to turn them in!

The police use lots of different methods to catch criminals: finding clues, following footprints, collecting alibis for example. One of the more modern techniques is DNA analysis.



To identify certain individuals, we can use fingerprints. A fingerprint is a trace of the tips of your fingers pressed into a surface. Everyone's fingerprint is unique; there are different bumps, lines and swirls all which are unique to you!

People leave fingerprints on everything they touch – their desk, their shoes and even their phones! This means that the police can find fingerprints at the scene of a crime and match it to the fingerprints of their suspects.



Can you identify the criminal?



There's been a robbery at Mrs. Smith's house. She reported the crime to the police. They found this fingerprint at the crime scene. They have 4 suspects in custody. Can you match the fingerprint to the criminal?

Circle your answer.



A



B



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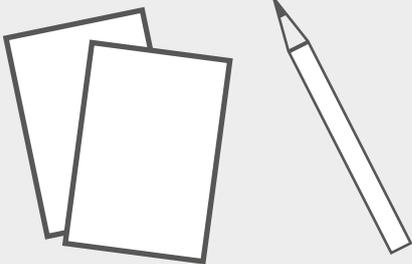
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Why not try it out at home? It's easy to take your own fingerprints!

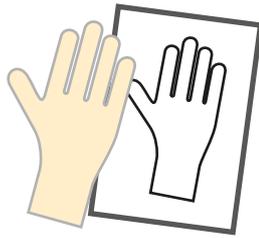
All you need is:

2 pieces of paper

A lead pencil



1. Trace the outline of your hand onto a piece of paper.



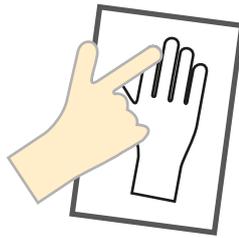
2. Take the pencil and colour in really hard on one spot on the other piece of paper.



3. Press your finger into the lead on the paper.



4. Now place your finger onto the hand you drew.



5. Press hard then slowly remove. Your fingerprint will have imprinted onto the piece of paper.



6. Repeat with other fingers and thumb until you've completed the whole hand!



Why not try it with your family? Compare fingerprints and if you have a magnifying glass handy, take a closer look!

Now we have our fingerprints, it's time to book some criminals! Booking is the process police officers take to register the people they've arrested onto the police database. This usually involves taking a photo (mugshot) of the criminal so they can be recognised by any potential witnesses.

Why not give it a go? Taking a mugshot is easy! You will need:

A camera



A piece of paper and a pen



A willing volunteer



1. Write the name of the criminal on the piece of paper with the reason they've been arrested, for example:
'Dad - Watching too much football!'

SUSPECT FOUND

2. Then ask the criminal to hold the piece of paper up over their chest.



3. Now, take their picture! Ask them to turn to the left, then turn to the right and finally face front on. Remember, they're criminals - they can't smile!



Who have you arrested today? Show off your detective skills by tagging us @KidZaniaLondon with your adult's mugshots! Use the hashtag #KidZaniaAtHome to compare your fingerprints with other Police Department Officers!

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