

ONLINE DETECTIVES

What do you know about... crime lingo*?



* lingo: jargon

1 Are you a crime expert? Try to give a definition of the following words and expressions.

- a. a cold case
- b. John Doe / Jane Doe
- c. ballistics
- d. a copycat crime
- e. a trophy
- f. rigor mortis

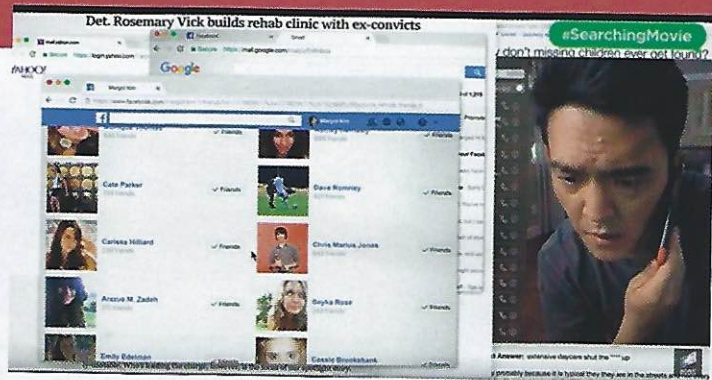
2 Stumped? Then match the words and phrases (in 1.) with the definitions below.

- a. The science of projectiles and firearms.
- b. An unsolved criminal investigation.
- c. A crime inspired by a previous crime.
- d. The stiffness of the muscles and joints of a dead body.
- e. An unidentified corpse.
- f. A "souvenir" from a crime.

➔ Check the answers!

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Searching

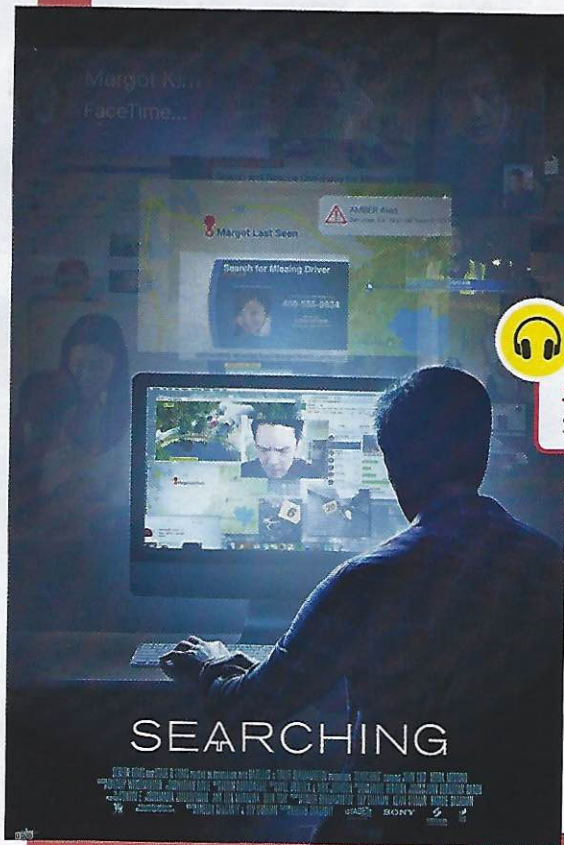


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Searching, Official International Trailer

Sony Pictures Entertainment, May 2018



- 1** Look at the poster and explain what you think the movie is about.
- 2** Now watch the trailer for the film and check if you were right. If not, say what the subject of the film really is.
- 3** In your opinion, is the way David Kim uses computers and social media to investigate realistic or far-fetched? Why?

Citizen sleuths

Cultural background

Online detectives

Scene 1

Chase Darkness with Me

Scene 2

The faces of the deads

Scene 3

Crimespotting

Epilogue

BAC Exam workout

Language workshop

How can the Internet be a crime-fighting tool for citizens?

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Words, words, words

Détectives working a case.

- ▶ Talk about the picture: the mood it creates, the objects you can see, what they are used for, the time period they evoke, etc. Exchange your impressions and reactions. You can use the words in the word cloud.
- ▶ Start a list of the words that you have found the most useful to talk about the picture. You will complete your list as you go through the next pages.

Crime
 murder detective investigation
 WITNESS CLUE evidence suspect
 CASE LAW WEAPON CSI forensic LEAD
 scene body TRIAL
 TIP ARREST follow
 footprints THIEF informant JAIL private eye
 FINGERPRINTS mug shot PROOF ARREST body informant JAIL private eye
 BLOOD POLICEMAN LAWYER CONFESSION

Websleuths

The narrator, forensic scientist Temperance Brennan, is meeting websleuth Hazel "Lucky" Strike for the first time.

"What do you know about websleuthing?" [...] "Websleuths are amateurs competing online to solve cases."

Wannabe forensic scientists and cops. Overzealous viewers of NCIS, Cold Case, CSI and Bones. I didn't add that. [...]

"Most people die, they get a funeral, a wake, a memorial service. There are eulogies, an obit¹ in the paper. Some get holy cards showing their faces with angels or saints or whatnot.[...] That's what's supposed to happen. That's how we deal with death. By recognizing a person's achievements in life.

"But what happens when someone just disappears? Poof." Strike curled then exploded her fingers. "A man leaves for work and vanishes? A woman boards a bus and never gets off?"

"And what happens when a body turns up lacking ID? On a roadside, in a pond², bundled in a carpet and stashed³ in a shed⁴? [...] Lost. 25 Murdered. Dumped. Unclaimed⁵. This country's overflowing with the forgotten dead. And somewhere, someone's wondering about each and every one of those souls."

"And websleuthing is a way to solve the problem."

30 "Darn right."

Kathy Reichs, *Speaking in Bones*, 2015

1. obit = obituary: *nécrologie* 2. pond: *étang*
3. stash: *mettre de côté* 4. shed: *cabane*
5. claim: *réclamer*

- 1 Find the definition of a websleuth in the text.
- 2 Explain what cases websleuths investigate.
- 3 Describe Temperance's opinion of websleuths.
- 4 Explain why Hazel Strike believes what they do is important.

The Murder Squad



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Jensen and Holes: The Murder Squad!

Stitcher, March 2019



- 1 Look at the illustration and say what you can deduce about what you are going to hear.
- 2 Now listen to the trailer for the show. Explain what the mood of the podcast is. How is it created?
- 3 Say what you understand about the hosts.
- 4 Present the subject and the goal of the podcast.

Action!

Start your own true crime podcast

IN PAIRS

Make up an unsolved crime or find one online, and record a 30-second trailer for a podcast about it: present the case, the name and goal of your podcast, and come up with a catchphrase.