

# Teambuilding



with

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# Teambuilding With A Murder Mystery



## Your goals

You have goals you want to achieve with any teambuilding event whether it is improving communication within your team, creating a cohesiveness within a new team and allowing your team to get to know each other, encouraging teams to work together and developing leadership.

Teambuilding events should, of course, be fun because we all work better when we're enjoying ourselves and many of your goals can be achieved without actually focusing on them directly.

## How does a murder mystery help teambuilding

Murder mysteries are a perfect aid for communication and will encourage your team or teams to talk, to get to know each other and discover more about each other's thought processes.

By working together to solve the mystery your teams will develop a bond as they focus on the mystery and their aim to be the one and only team to not only pinpoint the murderer but their modus operandi and their motive too. One question from one team member always leads to an idea from another team member and by the end of the mystery your team will be communicating easily.

Remove your normal team leader by choosing the option that sees managers playing the roles of suspects and you quickly see who steps into that void.

Your teams will be developing whilst having fun, away from the office in a relaxed and yet competitive environment.

## Choose the murder mystery option that works for you

We offer two options to bring a murder mystery teambuilding event to life so you can choose what will work best for your teams.



## An Acted Murder Mystery



Our team of professional murder mystery actors will take on the role of suspects—usually five or six depending on the script. They deliver brief performances which offer your teams clues as to what has happened and they then tour the tables of your teams to answer any questions. Your teams take on the role of the detectives in this style of murder mystery.

The focus here is on getting the correct solution as to whodunit, how and why but our actors will also award points for the best team questions on each round.

## A Join In Whodunit

A join in whodunit develops a real bond within your teams with the manager of each taking on the role of one of the suspects. The suspects' focus must be to ensure their story is believed and that they are not accused (even if they are the guilty party). Points are awarded for not being accused and removed for every accusation made against them.

Your managers receive information in advance about the character they are to play and on the day they receive a script. They read from the script for each of the four rounds and then answer questions as they tour the tables with your host on hand to assist should they not be sure of the correct response.

The remaining team members are then in the role of detectives and they earn points for the best questions in each round as well as the correct solution. By removing the manager in this scenario the team is left to work together without its regular leadership.

A murder mystery can often allow all team members, whatever their experience within the organisation, the chance to shine and be seen in a different light when they spot a clue or facet of the mystery that no one else has noticed.

Solving a murder mystery requires logic, thinking and puzzling as the teams draw out the answers they require from their suspects.





## Murder In The Den

Murder In The Den is the perfect murder mystery for a teambuilding event.

Set on the TV show Ideas Den, the suspects are all entrepreneurs with a business idea that needs the backing of the show's millionaire investors—in this case the detectives—who will decide at the end of the event which idea is the winner.

But one of the investors has been found dead behind the scenes and the teams must discover whodunit, how and why.

Using our join in whodunit style of teambuilding, your managers and suspects will need to come up with a business idea with the rest of their team that will become their one minute pitch to investors. They'll have 20 minutes to come up with an idea and flesh it out a little although it doesn't need to be too in depth as there will be no Dragon-style questions on their proposal.

This idea then becomes their suspect's business idea which they use within the scripts and question time although the idea is not the focus of the investigation.

Each of the suspects has a motive for wanting the millionaire dead but your teams must work out who also had the means and opportunity to carry out the killing.

Once we have revealed the solution with the help of our actor detective your teams get the chance to vote on the business idea they like best for added points.

If you prefer the option of having actors perform the role of suspects they will already have a business idea set for their character but it is possible, if you wish, to give time to your teams to come up with their own ideas and one minute pitch for added points once the murder mystery is concluded.



## Frequently Asked Questions



### How many people can attend a teambuilding murder mystery?

That is really up to you. A murder mystery can work from as few as six people, with everyone taking part as a suspect, up to 100 people. A larger number means more people sitting around each table and the mystery will take longer to complete with the suspects moving from table to table.

### How long does a murder mystery teambuilding event take?

We recommend you set aside a half day for the murder mystery element of your teambuilding giving you time for any further work you wish to undertake either before or after your mystery.

### Do you have any alternative murder mysteries for use as a teambuilding event?

Yes, there are many murder mysteries to choose from and we are happy to discuss your requirements. However, Murder In The Den fits nicely with a teambuilding event.

### Do managers and staff need to learn any lines?

If you have chosen a teambuilding event with actors there is nothing for anyone to learn at all. However, if you choose to have your managers and staff to play the suspects they will need to familiarise themselves with the character they are to play before the event. There are still no lines to learn as the four rounds are entirely scripted. They will need to deliver their answers to the table detectives although we will be available to help anyone who is not quite sure what to say.

### How do I find out more?

Email [sara@talltalesmysteries.com](mailto:sara@talltalesmysteries.com) or call 07833 715504 to tell us what you want from your teambuilding event and we'll be happy to help.

