

100 IRRELEVANT CLUES TO BAMBOOZLE PLAYERS

CREDITS

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COMPATIBILITY

This product is designed to be system agnostic and usable with any pen and paper role playing game system.

INTRODUCTION

Players will frequently look for clues or evidence of things out of the ordinary, and this list provides things for them to find. All could have perfectly innocent explanations but, for the sort of person that is suspicious and looking for signs that something is not what it seems (i.e. a player) they will probably come up with a different explanation. That bloody handkerchief; does it signify that someone has been hurt, or is it just evidence of a bad nosebleed? That lumpy floor; does it signify a hidden trapdoor, or is it just a lumpy floor?

All these "clues" were designed to have explanations such as untidiness, boredom, having children around, not taking care of things properly, OCD or running out of money or supplies. Players are unlikely to consider them that way. Many of the clues are suitable for any setting whilst some require one with some technology, probably from the 20th century onwards.

USING THE LIST

Either roll d100 for a random result or select appropriate ones manually.

- 1. **Ash** A small, neat cone of grey ash is on the floor.
- 2. **Ashtray** An ashtray is full of ash and cigarette stubs. No other sign of smoking, such as lighters, cigarettes, smell or stains, can be found in the house.
- 3. **Beakers** A set of six beakers is on a stand. One of them is a completely different design and shape to the others.
- 4. **Bedding** All the beds in the bedrooms are neatly made, except for one bed from which it has all been removed and stuck in the corner of the room it is in.
- 5. **Bell** A small hand bell which has had

- the clapper removed. The clapper can be found in a drawer.
- 6. **Blood** In a waste basket is a piece of fabric completely soaked in fresh blood.
- 7. **Book** A hollowed out book, open on a table and empty.
- 8. **Book** When a book is opened, a receipt falls out of it.
- 9. **Books** All the books in the house are on true crime with biographies, autobiographies and case files on murders and serial killers.
- 10. **Books** In a pile of books on a desk, one single book has a bookmark marking a place in it.
- 11. **Books** On a set of bookshelves, one of the books is upside down.
- 12. **Books** On a number of bookshelves where all the books are carefully organised, by such as subject and author, one book can be easily spotted as being in completely the wrong section.
- 13. **Building Work** This room has various construction items in it and is a mess, with the work having being stopped partway in some time ago, going by all the dust on the tools and detritus.
- 14. **Bulb** One bulb, or candle, in a chandelier is a different colour and size to the others in it.
- 15. **Button** One button on an item of clothing would appear to be a replacement, as it does not match the others in any way, being of a different size, shape and colour.
- 16. **Candy** A bowl is full of both candy and its wrappers. All the candy in the bowl is of a type that is usually wrapped, but the wrapper from every single piece has been removed and left in the bowl with the unwrapped candy.
- 17. **Carpet** Dents in a carpet or rug show that a piece of furniture has either been moved, or removed.
- 18. **Carpet** Part of the carpet has some thick, oily stains on it, which seem quite fresh.
- 19. Chair A cushion on a chair has a

hard lump inside it, which is found if it is sat upon.

- 20. **Chairs** A table has one less chair around it than there should be, such as three chairs around a table suited to four. The missing chair is not anywhere else in the house.
- 21. **Chairs** In a set of at least four upholstered wooden chairs, the seat cushion on one is made from a different coloured fabric to the others.
- 22. **Change** In a pile of loose change, there is one coin for another country.
- 23. **Clock** An otherwise normally functioning clock with one of the hands missing.
- 24. **Clothes** In a wardrobe is one complete set of ladies' clothing. All the other clothes in the house belong to a man.
- 25. **Clothing** All the clothes in the appropriate furniture in a bedroom have been placed with mathematical precision. All the items of clothing, whether in drawers or on hangers, are placed parallel to the drawer sides, if appropriate, and precisely the same distance apart, for every item in a particular place.
- 26. **Coat** A coat on a hook is damp and dripping despite the fact that the day is quite dry with no sign of rain.
- 27. **Diary** Several days worth of pages have been torn out of a diary. The missing pages cannot be found.
- 28. **Drawer** A locked drawer in a desk has been forced open, with the wood splintered.
- 29. **Drawers** All the drawers in a cabinet or chest of drawers have been removed from the item and all their contents have been dumped on a nearby surface.
- 30. **Dust** A small heap of fresh brick dust is on the floor near to a wall.
- 31. **Earring** A single lady's gold earring sits on an appropriate surface, its pair nowhere to be found.

- 32. **Envelope** Tucked away in the back of a drawer is a plain white envelope, torn open and empty except for some traces of greyish powder.
- 33. **Envelopes** A pile of open, empty, used envelopes. Every envelope has had the stamp cut from it.
- 34. **Fireplace** In a house that has been empty for some time, a fire has been freshly laid in a fireplace.
- 35. **Fish Tank** A large, filled and decorated fish tank that appears to be perfectly fine and clean has just one, small, fish in it. The tank is far too large for its solitary occupant.
- 36. **Floor** A square area of carpet on a wooden floor is at a slightly higher level to the rest of the floor.
- 37. **Floorboard** One floorboard squeaks when walked on. If examined, it isn't fastened down and can be removed.
- 38. **Flowers** All of the cut flowers and foliage in a vase are dead, bar one, which is full of life.
- 39. **Food** A charcoaled piece of an unidentifiable meat sits in a cooking tray on top of an oven.
- 40. **Fruit** A bowl contains one apple, one orange, one banana and one plum.
- 41. **Furniture** One leg on an item of furniture is loose.
- 42. **Garlic** A bag containing a dozen fresh heads of garlic.
- 43. **Glass** Several pieces of broken glass from a small container lie on the floor. They bear a faint smell.
- 44. **Hatchet** A hatchet has been tossed into a corner of a closet. The blade of it has some dried reddish stains on it.
- 45. **Hook** There are several coat hooks on the wall, most of which are rigidly fixed in place, but one of them slides to a 45 degree angle if pushed or if something is hung on it.
- 46. **Jar** A small glass jar filled with nails. Every nail is different; no two are of the same material, type or length.
- 47. Jars Glass jars containing a wide

- range of herbs and spices are on a rack.
 All but one of them are at least partially full; the empty one used to contain garlic powder.
- 48. **Jars** Many empty glass jars of different sizes, with lids and apparently clean.
- 49. **Key** An unmarked key is found in a drawer. The key fits no lock in the building.
- 50. **Knives** From a knife rack or block, one of the knives, the largest, has been removed.
- 51. **Lamp** A lamp continually flickers if turned on. If the bulb is changed, should this be appropriate, the light still continues to flicker.
- 52. **Leaves** Several deciduous leaves in autumnal colours, even though it's the wrong season for them to have turned.
- 53. **Letters** A pile of open letters is on a surface. If examined, one of the letters is still sealed.
- 54. **Maggot** One single maggot, slowly inching its way across the floor.
- 55. **Map** A local, or possibly regional, map has a location circled on it.
- 56. **Marbles** A jar of marbles of different colours. All except one of the marbles come in multiple numbers; that colour of marble only has one present in the jar.
- 57. **Mirror** A wall mounted mirror has been turned around so that it faces the wall.
- 58. **Models** A series of intricately detailed and immaculately made models of vehicles is displayed proudly on a shelf, with equal gaps between them. Going by the gaps, one of the models would appear to be missing.
- 59. **Money** A pile of loose change. There are coins of every value in it, either one of each coin or, for coins with a numerical value, that number of that particular coin so, for example, there would be one 1 cent coin, 5 nickels, 10 dimes and so forth.

- 60. **Mugs** On a mug tree, five of the mugs are identical whilst the sixth is a different size, shape and colour to the others.
- 61. **Newspaper** One of the adverts in the classified section is ringed.
- 62. **Nuts** A bowl of shell-on peanuts contains a single walnut.
- 63. **Ornament** In a display of otherwise similar ornaments, such as china figurines, one is of a completely different style, material and type.
- 64. **Ornaments** Several china ornaments have all had their arms broken off. The arms are nowhere to be found.
- 65. **Paint** An open, half empty, tin of paint rattles if moved, suggesting that there is something hard or metallic inside it.
- 66. **Paper** A completely blank sheet of paper has been crumpled up and thrown into a bin.
- 67. **Paper** A large plastic bag containing a substantial quantity of finely shredded paper.
- 68. **Passport** An old and expired passport that has had the pages containing personal information cut out of it.
- 69. **Periodicals** Periodicals such as magazines on a shelf or in a stack is in order, but one of the issues is missing from partway through the pile.
- 70. **Phone** A mobile phone has been dismantled and had the SIM card and battery removed. These cannot be found.
- 71. **Pickles** In a partially empty jar of pickled onions, there is one solitary pickled gherkin.
- 72. **Picture** A framed picture of a landscape on a desk or other surface is, unusually, oriented as a portrait.
- 73. **Picture** A picture, such as a loose, unframed photograph, has been torn in such a way that it looks like a person has been removed from it. The missing part of the photograph cannot be found.
- 74. **Picture Frame** A picture frame is

- either on a surface or on a wall, displayed as usual except that it is empty of any photograph or picture.
- 75. **Pictures** All except one of the pictures or photographs on a wall of a room are straight; that one being crooked.
- 76. **Plants** Every pot plant in the building is dead, even though, if checked, they all appear to have been fed and watered.
- 77. **Plastic Container** A plastic petrol/gasoline container, empty bar a few dregs of liquid.
- 78. **Powder** Traces of a fine white powder can be found on a worktop.
- 79. **Radio** A radio with an analogue frequency display. If the frequency is changed using a knob, the display changes but the channel being broadcast doesn't.
- 80. **Recording Box** In a stack or shelf of recordings, whether tapes, records, CDs or DVDs, one of the boxes is open and the contents are missing, nowhere to be found.
- 81. **Sand** There is a small dusting of sand on the floor, although the house is not anywhere near a beach.
- 82. **Scrapes** There are several parallel scrapes on a wood, stone or tile floor near to a wall.
- 83. **Screw** A single screw or other similar item is on the floor, next to a piece of furniture or perhaps a wall from which it has apparently been removed.
- 84. **Screw** One of the screws holding together a wooden item, such as a piece of furniture, is of a different colour and type to the rest.
- 85. **Shard** A single shard of glass that would appear to have been broken from a mirror. No damaged mirror can be found. 86. **Shoes** One shoe of a pair of laced shoes is missing its lace.

- 87. **Spectacles** A pair of spectacles sits on a surface. One of the lenses is missing and cannot be found.
- 88. **Stick** A single stick of wood, recently removed from a tree, sits on a surface.
- 89. **Table** The middle-sized table from a nest of three tables is missing.
- 90. **Taxidermy** A mounted taxidermy head on the wall, which is missing both eyes.
- 91. **Wall** A hole appears to have been made in a hollow wall recently.
- 92. **Wall** A rectangular patch of a wall is a lighter colour to the rest of it. There are pictures on the wall, and one appears to have been removed from here, including its hook.
- 93. **Wall** A wall of a room has a portion of it, roughly either the size of a door or window, decorated in a slightly different manner, such as paint or paper that doesn't quite match the rest.
- 94. **Window** A single pane of glass in a window containing multiple panes is made from a different type of glass to the other panes.
- 95. **Window** If a window mists up, lines can be seen where someone has drawn a frowny-face on it.
- 96. **Window** One window in a room or a house has been screwed shut; the rest work normally.
- 97. **Wire** Around 2 feet of single core electrical wire has had the insulation completely removed from it.
- 98. **Wood** A piece of wood about 2' long and 1" in diameter that has been recently sharpened at one end.
- 99. **Wood** On some bare or varnished wood, one knothole is noticeably protuberant.
- 100. **Wood** Several wood shavings are on the floor by a door.