

Sample Game

Trouble Under the Big Top



A Mystery Party for kids under 12

The circus is in town and you are invited to be part of some of the greatest acts of all time. Unfortunately there has been trouble under the big top. One of the jewelled collars that the lions wear in the lion act has disappeared. We need your help to find the missing collar so that the show can go on.

Thank you for choosing Trouble Under the Big Top a children's mystery party game. When you purchase the game you will be given a comprehensive packet that will provide all of the information that you need to run your very own mystery party—one that will have your guests talking about for weeks, if not longer.

This mystery experience is designed to be easy to run and fun to play for all the guests involved. The mystery games for guests under the age of 12 are less complicated for the guests than the adult and teen mystery games. The guests in the children's mystery parties are assigned characters and given costume suggestions and a small character description but the game does not depend on the guests assuming those characters. There are clues that are given to the guests as the party progresses through various party games that create the mystery plot. In the end the guests have an opportunity to guess the solution to the mystery and awards are given to the guests who figure out the mystery. Prizes can also be given throughout the night for winners of the various party games.

The number of guests needed for the children's mystery parties is flexible as the clues are not dependant on the guests providing them and the mystery takes place before the guests arrive so a missing character doesn't spoil the outcome. Minimum and maximum numbers are still suggested with the children's parties for your convenience.

All products come in the form of professionally designed pdf files that will contain all of your instructions and materials for running your party. Once purchased, you will receive an email that will give you a link to a secured part of our site and a password to enable you to download your party package pdfs.

As the Host, what do you need to do?

Your job as host will be to assign each guest a character and provide them with an invitation and character description before the party. You will also need to print up and organize all of the material needed at the party including the instructions to the guests, name tags, games and awards. Each game that will be played comes with complete instructions and you as Host will need to print, cut out and organize the clues for the games. To add to the experience you may want to decorate in a circus theme and serve dinner or refreshments.

Party Schedule

- Most likely, the length of the party will take 1 ½ to 2 hours. It could be longer if you serve food, have presents (if it is a birthday party) and or play all of the optional games.
- Give each guest a name tag as they arrive.
- Read the introduction to the guests.

- Play the Memory Game, Don't Eat Pete!, or Taboo Clue.
- Read through and display the clues from the Memory Game, Don't Eat Pete! or Taboo Clue game.
- Play Pass the Parcel and display the FIRST SET OF CLUES on cardboard or posterboard.
- Play Balloon Dart Throw, Balloon Stomp or Balloon Toss and add the SECOND SET OF CLUES to the cardboard or posterboard.
- Play Musical Clues and add the THIRD SET OF CLUES to the cardboard or posterboard.
- Play any optional games (note optional games can be played at any time as long as you have time for the required games).
- Read over all of the clues that have been collected.
- Have the guests guess who took the collar and record their guesses on the Whodunit Cards. If the guests are too young to fill out the Whodunit Cards on their own, you as host can record their guesses on the Host's Whodunit Worksheet.
- Go on a treasure hunt for the Puzzle Solution pieces. Put the puzzle together and read the solution to the mystery.
- Give out awards for guests who correctly solve the mystery.

Trouble Under the Big Top Brief Character List

There are 13 characters in the game (5 female and 8 that can be male or female) although, unlike the teen and adult games, it is not necessary to have all of the characters present for the party. More guests can be added by purchasing the expansion pack from our website: partytimemysteries.com or you can create your own.

Male or Female--Morgan Meyers (Candy/popcorn vendor)
Female--The Lovely Elizabeth (Horse trainer and stunt rider)
Male or Female--Dakota (Elephant trainer)
Female--Fifi (Dog trainer)
Female--Lola (Trapeze artist)
Female--Grace (Tightrope walker)
Male or Female--Smiley (Clown)
Male or Female--Chuckles (Clown)
Male or Female--Fearless Farrell (Motorcycle stunt driver)
Male or Female--Max (Juggler)
Female--Lilly (Acrobat)
Male or Female--Bobby Alan Marshall (Ringmaster)
Male or Female--Alex (Lion tamer)

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You're invited to join us
for a Mystery Party where there's



This party is a Mystery Party. Everyone that is invited will be given a part to play and a chance to solve the mystery through games and activities. You will be given information about your character and costume suggestions to help you become that character. You don't have to follow our suggestions just dress up and have fun with it!

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Please join us on: _____

at: _____

from: _____

RSVP: _____

Sample Character Descriptions

Morgan Meyers (Candy/popcorn vendor)

Morgan has always loved the circus and has dreamed of being a circus performer his/her whole life. Morgan got a job selling popcorn and candy when they were still in high school just so they could be a part of the circus. Morgan spends a lot of time watching the circus performers rehearse and has finally put together an act of their own. Alex, the lion tamer, caught Morgan practising their act and laughed at Morgan and said Morgan would never make it. Alex even told the owners not to let Morgan perform in the circus. Alex is the biggest star of the circus and so the owners listened to Alex. Since Morgan couldn't perform, Morgan has been stealing money from the candy sales hoping to go to Las Vegas for a shot in show business

Costume suggestions: paper hat, apron, tee-shirt and jeans, candy/popcorn tray. Morgan is always chewing gum so you may want to have some for an authentic touch. (Go to our website: www.partytimemysteries.com for complete instructions in making candy/popcorn vendor costume).

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Sample Clues

Clue: Alex (the lion tamer) is short on cash. Alex owes Dekota (the elephant trainer) for money used to purchase the collars.

Clue: Morgan Meyers (the popcorn/candy vendor) was hoping to move up to performer in an act. Alex (the lion tamer) laughed at Morgan and said Morgan would never make it. Alex even told the owners not to let Morgan perform in the circus.

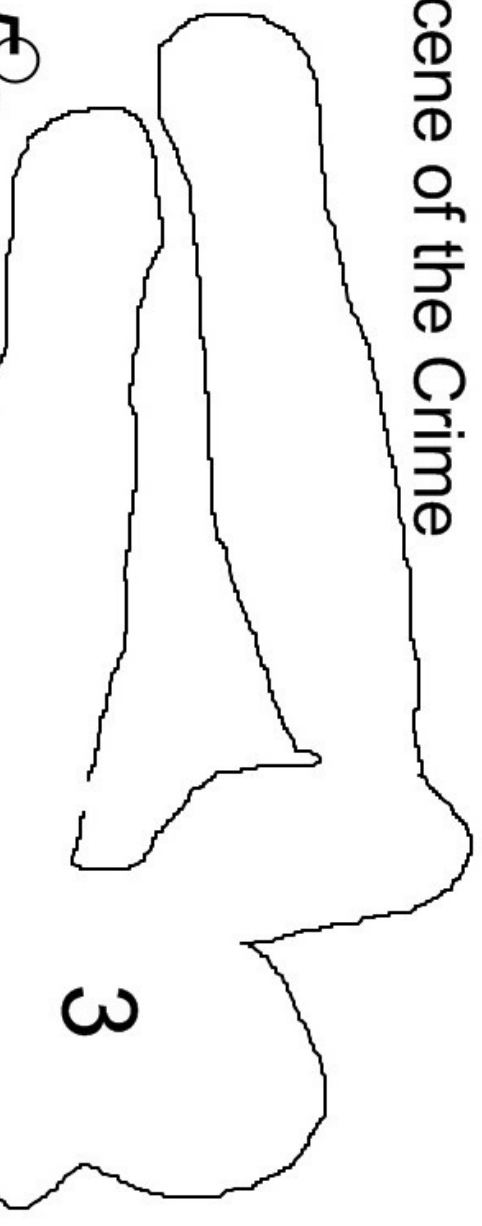
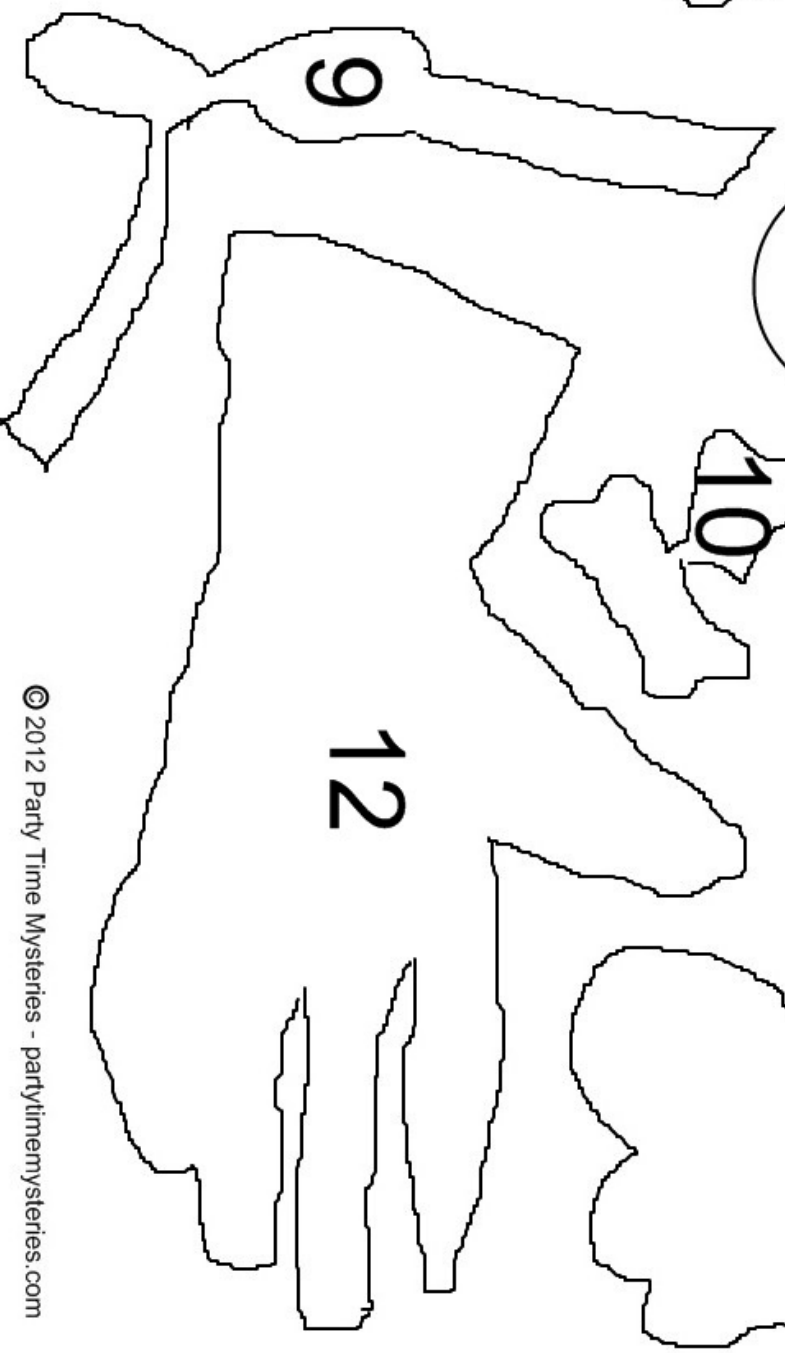
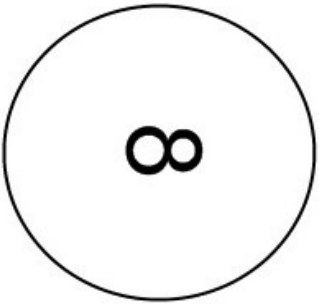
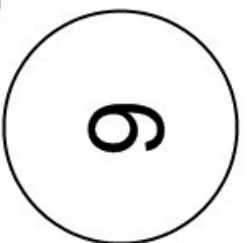
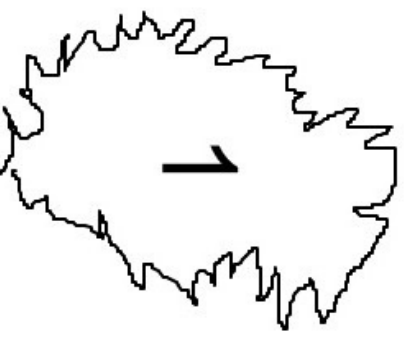
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Clues Left at the Scene of the Crime



Clues Left at the Scene of the Crime

- 1 Feather--Lola
- 2 Chewed gum--Morgan
- 3 Jump rope--Grace
- 4 Sequins--Lilly
- 5 Rhinestones--Farrell
- 6 Clown nose--Chuckles
- 7 Peanuts--Dakota
- 8 Ball--Max
- 9 Hair ribbon--Elizabeth
- 10 Dog treat--Fifi
- 11 Trick ring--Smiley
- 12 White Glove--Bobby



NAME TAGS

Morgan Meyers

Candy/Popcorn Vendor

The Lovely Elizabeth

Horse Trainer and Stunt Rider

Dakota

Elephant Trainer

Fifi

Dog Trainer

Lola

Trapeze Artist

Grace

Tightrope Walker

Smiley

Clown

Chuckles

Clown

Fearless Farrell

Motorcycle Stunt Driver

Max

Juggler



Congratulations!

You have been awarded

Super Sleuth

For using superior detective skills to solve the mystery
at our Trouble Under the Big Top Mystery Party

Date of Mystery Party

Your Party Host/Hostess