

Witness Workshop

In these activities, you will learn about what a witness is, and why they are important to helping police to solve crimes. Develop your skills as a witness with a few fun games!

You will need:

- A pencil
- Blank paper
- Deck of cards (optional)

Background Intel

- A witness is someone who sees an event happen. In most cases when we refer to witnesses, they are someone that saw a crime, or an accident happen.
- Witnesses are super helpful in investigations because they become almost the “eyes and ears” for the police. If you’ve ever seen a crime show on TV before, witnesses are usually able to recall the event to perfect detail! But in real life, our brains don’t work like that, we see so much in a day it’s almost impossible to give every single detail when asked about an event that happened.

Activity 1- Test you memory

1. The first activity we are going to do, is a simple memory game. Open the link below and it will take you to a memory card game. Flip the cards, and it’s your job to find all the pairs of cards.

Link: https://www.freememorygame.com/?dn=Witness_Activity_YouthLink

2. Alternatively, if you have a deck of cards at home, you can choose 8 pairs of cards, mix them up, and lay them out in a square face-down to play this memory game.

Activity 2- Memory Challenge

1. Similar to the last activity, in this challenge you will take a look at the image below and try and memorize it. Set a timer! You will have 1 minute to take in as much detail as you can! Once you're minute is up, scroll down to the next page.



Activity 2– Challenge Questions

Try to answer these questions on a separate piece of paper about what you observed, without looking back at the image:

1. What colour was the bed? The walls? The floor?
2. How many picture frames were there on the wall?
3. What was the image on the poster?
4. What decorations were on the bookshelf?

Bonus Challenge Question:

5. What time was displayed on the clock on the bedside table?

Now that you've tried to answer the questions, go ahead and look back at that image, how many answers did you get?

Activity 3– Optional Witness Game!

1. You never know when you're needed as a witness! Go to your siblings, parents, ask them simple questions like, **"Without looking, tell me what our living room looks like"** or **"What's in our fridge right now?"** or even, **"Can you describe what we had for dinner last night?"**. Anything that you can think of, you can ask, test their memory and see how much they can recall.

Where to learn more!

If you would like to learn more about how to be a good witness, check out the video links below and test your own awareness!

- **Video link-** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>
- **Video link-** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubNF9QNEQLA>