

Red-Handed Expert

Seat everyone, place every object, and name whoever could not have told the truth.

CASE 01

They carried the insurance man out of the library at first light.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the library.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the lantern from the post office.
- The brass key was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the rolling pin at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: Ask Kit – we were together.
 Dev: Iris and I were together the whole time.
 Mira: The lantern was nowhere near me.
 Gus: Wherever the rolling pin was, I was not.
 Iris: I never touched the knife.
 Kit: The rolling pin was in the room I was in.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

The strongbox was emptied at the ferry dock, and the keeper never woke.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the ferry dock.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The back office was clean – no sign of the glass plate.
- The lantern was found at the clock tower.
- Nothing puts the rope at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: I was the one carrying the rope.
 Dev: I never went near the ferry dock.
 Jax: The basket was nowhere near me.
 Ada: You will find me at the back office, and nowhere else.
 Sol: Finn and I were together the whole time.
 Kit: I never left Jax's side.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

The insurance man was found at the tailor shop, and not breathing.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the tailor shop.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the revolver.
- The tankard was found at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: If you find the oil can, you find where I was.
Kit: I was with Jax.
Iris: I was nowhere near the tailor shop all evening.
Ora: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
Gus: I never touched the oil can.
Sol: I was with Ora.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The company man was found dead at the post office.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the post office.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The basket was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the tailor shop.
- The apiary was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The glass plate was never at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I was the one carrying the kettle.
Kit: Ask Dev – we were together.
Bo: The key blank was never in my hands.
Esme: I never left Iris's side.
Hana: I never went near the post office.
Dev: The key blank was in my hands.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The new foreman was found dead at the bakery.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the bakery.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the wrench.
- The wrench was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the cobblers.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.
- The crowbar was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: I could not tell you where the hammer was.
Bo: Whoever had the bee smoker was with me.
Mira: I was with Hana.
Finn: I was the one carrying the hammer.
Ada: Bo and I were together the whole time.
Dev: I was nowhere near the bakery all evening.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The tax inspector was found dead at the bakery.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the bakery.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the tankard at the post office.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The glass plate was found at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: I was with Nils.
Ada: Ask Esme – we were together.
Nils: Whoever had the key blank was not with me.
Ora: I was nowhere near the bakery all evening.
Gus: The bakery? I did not set foot in it.
Esme: I had the ledger.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

NOTES

Answer Key – Red-Handed Expert

Solve before peeking. The liar is the one who was alone at the scene.

Case 01	Cira	alone at the library	Cira said: "Ask Kit – we were together." Kit was at the back office, and Cira was at the library. They were not together.
Case 02	Sol	alone at the ferry dock	Sol said: "Finn and I were together the whole time." Finn was at the apiary, and Sol was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 03	Kit	alone at the tailor shop	Kit said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the back office, and Kit was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 04	Kit	alone at the post office	Kit said: "Ask Dev – we were together." Dev was at the garage, and Kit was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 05	Ada	alone at the bakery	Ada said: "Bo and I were together the whole time." Bo was at the apiary, and Ada was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 06	Ada	alone at the bakery	Ada said: "Ask Esme – we were together." Esme was at the lighthouse, and Ada was at the bakery. They were not together.