

Forensic Science

Vocabulary

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WORD	DEFINITION
ANTHROPOLOGY	The study of humans, which can help identify skeletal remains in forensic science.
ANTIBODIES	Proteins in the blood that help the body fight harmful substances.
ANTIGEN	A substance that causes the body to produce antibodies.
ARSON	The crime of deliberately setting a fire.
BLOOD	A body fluid that can provide important evidence in forensic investigations.
BULLET	A metal projectile fired from a gun.
CARTRIDGE	A unit of ammunition that includes the bullet, casing, powder, and primer.
CASING	The metal container that holds the parts of a cartridge.
CLUES	Pieces of information or evidence that help solve a case.
CRIMINAL	A person who has committed a crime.
DETECTIVE	A person who investigates crimes and gathers facts.
DNA	The genetic material found in cells that can help identify a person.
DRUGS	Substances that may be tested or analyzed in forensic investigations.
DUSTING	The process of applying powder to reveal hidden fingerprints.
ENTOMOLOGY	The study of insects, which can help forensic scientists estimate the time of death.
EVIDENCE	Objects or information used to help prove what happened in an investigation.
FINGERPRINT	A unique pattern of ridges on a person's finger that can be used for identification.
FIREARMS	Weapons such as guns that may be examined in forensic investigations.
FORENSIC	Relating to the use of science in legal or criminal investigations.
GUN SHOT	The sound of firing a gun, or evidence related to a discharged firearm.
HOMICIDE	The killing of one person by another.
IMPRESSION	A mark or indentation, such as a shoe print or tire track, left at a scene.
INVESTIGATOR	A person who gathers and examines evidence to solve a case.
PHOTOGRAPHS	Images taken to document a crime scene or evidence.
RH FACTOR	A protein found on red blood cells that helps classify blood type.
SCIENCE	The use of observation, testing, and evidence to understand the world.
TIRE TRACKS	Marks left by a vehicle's tires that may provide clues in an investigation.
VICTIM	A person harmed or affected by a crime.
WITNESS	A person who sees an event happen and may provide information about it.