

## My Job: Investigation Tasks

I went to Engayne Primary School until 1991 and now I am a Forensic Scientist with the Metropolitan Police.

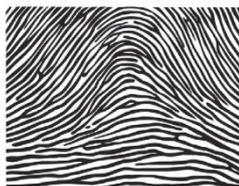
I help provide scientific evidence for criminal investigations. I search for and analyse different types of evidence at crime scenes. The types of things Forensic Scientists look for could include: fingerprints, hair, fibres from clothing or fragments of objects left behind. This evidence is then presented in a formal statement.

### Fingerprint Investigation

You will need:

- writing pencil
- white paper
- clear sellotape (optional)

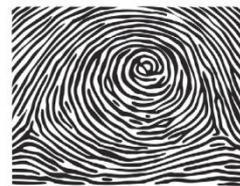
1. Using a pencil, colour a square patch on the white paper going over the same place over and over again.
2. Make sure all your fingers are clean and dry. Rub your finger over the pencil square to make a dark mark on your finger tip.
3. OPTIONAL Cut a small length of clear sellotape and stick the sticky side onto your fingerprint and carefully pull away. Stick the tape with your fingerprint on to a clean area of white paper.
4. Or, press your fingerprint with the pencil smudged on it directly onto a clean area of white paper.
5. Repeat again for some of your other fingers, thumbs often produce the most detailed pattern. Repeat with other members of your household's fingers too.



Arch



Loop



Whirl

Do all your fingerprints look the same?

Are they similar or different to other people in your household? What is that same and/or what is different?

What type of fingerprint do you have?

Why do you think it is useful to find fingerprints at the scene of a crime?

Where do you think fingerprints are most likely to be found?

## Incident Report

Following evidence gathering and analysing, it is important to write a report or account of the incident that took place and what has been found. Using the scenario and template below, have a go at writing your own incident report.

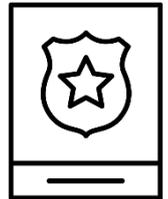
Yesterday, at approximately 10.00pm a laptop was stolen from a desk drawer in the Future First offices. CCTV footage shows someone entering the offices through a partially open ground floor window. The suspect seems to be wearing a dark grey tracksuit top, blue jeans and a black scarf pulled over their face. They spent about 20 minutes in the office looking for items to take, opening and closing a number of desk drawers. CCTV footage then shows the suspect exiting the office through the same window with the laptop under their tracksuit top.

Incident Number:

Date:

Reporting Officer Name:

Summary of Incident:



### Details of the incident:

Use full sentences to answer the following questions:

- When did it happen?
- Where did it happen?
- Who was involved?
- What happened? How did it happen?

### Evidence collected

Create a list of relevant evidence collected at the incident.

### Actions Taken

Use full sentences to describe what analysis has been conducted on the evidence collected. E.g. fingerprints found at the incident have been compared with those of potential suspects.