

## The Alibi game. Teacher's notes.

This game does not require any photocopies. However, I have produced a simple one-page sheet which can be used as an aid. Choose 2 students to be the criminals and 2 or 3 students to be the police. They have to imagine that a crime was committed the day before. The police suspect the students. The criminals have to invent an alibi (a story) of what they were doing from 12 o'clock midday to 10 o'clock at night. For the purposes of the game, **the criminals have to pretend that they were together at all times.**

The criminals then go out of the room, or sit in a corner and have 5 minutes to think of an alibi. They have to cover the whole time from 12 o'clock midday to 10 o'clock at night.

The police then interview the first criminal and make notes on what they were doing. The first criminal then either leaves the room or sits at the back while the police interview the second criminal. It is important that the first criminal cannot communicate with the second criminal so that they cannot whisper things they have had to make up on the spur of the moment!

The police then interview the second criminal and **ask exactly the same questions** to see if there are any differences in their stories. The secret is for the police to ask for little details. If they went to the restaurant, who paid? Where did they sit? It is the details which will catch the criminals out. After the second interview, ask the police if they found any inconsistencies (differences) in their stories. If they did, the criminals are guilty!

# The Alibi

Yesterday someone stole secret files from Inspector Green. The Inspector suspects James Bond and Mr Bean. The Inspector is interviewing James Bond. When Inspector Green interviews Mr Bean, will their stories be the same? Can he catch them out?

Inspector Green: What were you doing yesterday?  
 James Bond: I spent the whole day with my friend Mr Bean.  
 Inspector Green: I see .... What were you doing at 12 o'clock?  
 James Bond: I was having lunch.  
 Inspector Green: Where did you have lunch?  
 James Bond: I had lunch at a Chinese restaurant.  
 Inspector Green: What did you eat?  
 James Bond: I ate chicken.  
 Inspector Green: I see ... what did you drink?  
 James Bond: I had an orange juice.  
 Inspector Green: Who paid?  
 James Bond: I did.  
 Inspector Green: What were you doing at 2 o'clock?  
 James Bond: I was playing football.  
 Inspector Green: Where were you playing football?  
 James Bond: In the park.  
 Inspector Green: What were you doing at 3 o'clock?  
 James Bond: At 3 o'clock I was watching a film at the cinema.  
 Inspector Green: What did you see?  
 James Bond: I saw "Cinderella".  
 Inspector Green: What were you doing at 8 o'clock?  
 James Bond: I was having dinner.  
 Inspector Green: Where did you eat?  
 James Bond: In an Italian restaurant.  
 Inspector Green: I see.... Thank you, you can go. Send in Mr Bean.



Now work with your partner. You are two criminals. Invent an alibi from **12 o'clock midday** to **10 o'clock at night**. Remember, **you were together all the time**. Can you tell the same story! Here are some ideas to help you.

