



MISTERIO BUSTING HANDBOOK

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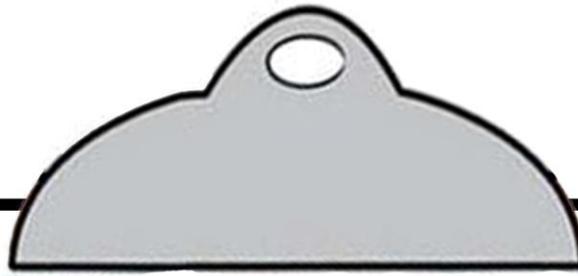
Perla Garcia and Valiente, here.

I hope you are doing great! I received a lot of e-mails from Barrio Super Sleuths asking me for advice on becoming a word class detective. So, Valiente and I gave it some thought and came up with this handbook.

We shared some information on what it takes to become a Barrio Super Sleuth, as well as a few items you can print out and use when solving mysteries. I hope that you will find this information useful, but please remember that the information in this handbook is only a start. You can print out this handbook and put it in a notebook, that way you can add to it whenever you come across ideas or information that will help you become a better mystery buster!

Enjoy!

Perla Garcia and Valiente (Wooollfff!)



Rules to Being a Barrio Super Sleuth



1. Stay ready! You never know when a new case will come your way.
 2. Do well in school. Great Barrio Super Sleuths impress everyone. Including their teachers.
 3. Keep your room clean so you will know where your Barrio Super Sleuth Tools are at all times.
 4. Read, read and read, especially stories about mysteries.
 5. Never make fun of anyone who needs your help to solve a misterio.
 6. Never go anywhere to solve a case without getting your parents' permission.
 7. Never do anything that will hurt you while you are trying to bust a misterio.
 8. Take notes at all times when you are working a case. You never when something you write down will come in handy.
 9. Always stay calm.
 10. Listen to the person telling you about the misterio they need solved. Are they telling you the truth? Did something really scare them?
 11. You might not solve a misterio right away! Some misterios, especially the great ones, take time!
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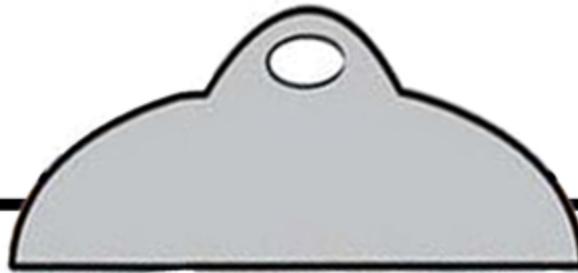


Your Detective's Office



A Barrio Super Sleuth's Office (Room) should stay clean at all times!

Just like this one!



How to be a Barrio Super Sleuth

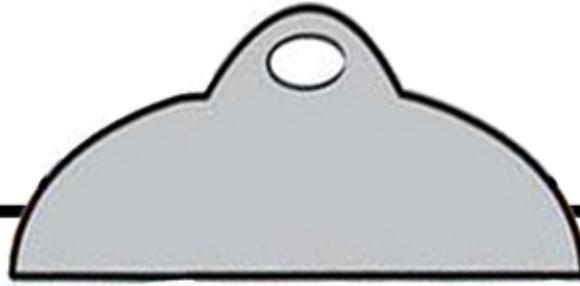
1. **Be curious.** This means wonder about the world around you.
 2. **Be a thinker.** Think about the world around you at all times.
 3. **Stay alert,** has something changed around you that shouldn't have? If so, why?
 4. **Collect information** by asking who, what, when and where questions.
 5. **Check information.** Does it make sense?
 6. **Put this information together** like a puzzle. Do the "parts of the puzzle" fit together?
 7. **Use your imagination!** Put yourself in the mystery. What would you do if the mystery happened to you?
 8. **Always look for details!** In a clue or when someone gives you information.
 9. **You must be positive and stubborn.** Never, ever, give up.
 10. **Research your mystery.** Go online and find out what you can about the cause of your mystery.
 11. **Most importantly, always, always stay safe!** Never do or go anywhere that might get you hurt. Always get your parents assistance when busting a misterio!
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Becoming a Detective



Practice becoming a Barrio Super Sleuth!

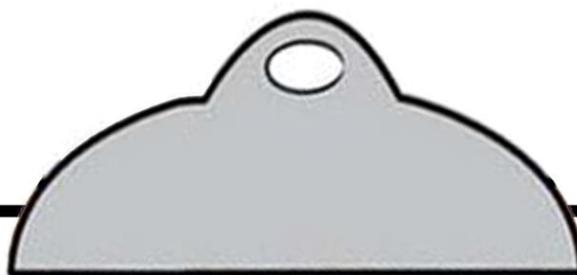
Study this picture carefully and then use the sheets that follow to answer the questions on the next page.



**Becoming a Barrio Super Sleuth:
Practice Exercise**

1. What is going on in the picture? Was someone hurt? Was something stolen?
 2. How did the robber get into the office?
 3. Did the robber have clean shoes? Do you think it was muddy outside?
 4. Is the detective in the office really the robber? Yes or no? Why or why not?
 5. Do you think the robber was in the office on the day before the robbery? Yes or no? Why or why not?
 6. Was the robber looking for something? If so, how can you tell?
 7. Where do you think was the last place the robber looked before finding what he/she was looking for?
 8. Need a pista, a clue, to answer question #4? Why is the painting on the floor?
 9. Was the painting hiding something? If so what?
 10. What do you think was in the safe?
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How did you do? I bet you did great! Remember, this is practice. To become a great detective, it takes practice and time. So, keep after it!



Mysterio Case Report:



Names of All Secret Super Sleuths Working this Case:

Where did this misterio take place?

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Who discovered them?

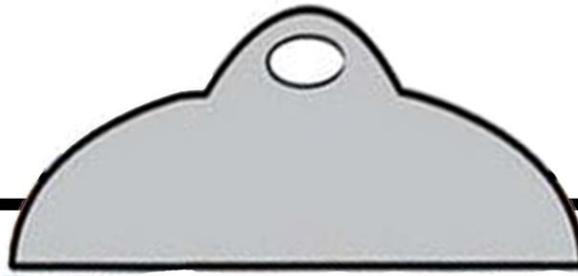
What was the hardest part of this case?



How did this case end? Was the Misterio busted?

Is this case still open? Yes _____ No _____





How to Talk to the Press



Every once in a while, I have to talk to a newspaper, television or newspaper reporter about a misterio I busted (with Valiente's help, of course), and when I do I keep the following points in mind.

- Always be kind to reporters, they're only doing their jobs.

- Never invite a reporter to go with you when you are trying to solve a misterio. (It may scare them.)



- Never give a friend's name to a reporter, unless they said it was okay.

- Always report the facts as you know them. Never make up a lie to look good.

- If you took a photograph of a fantasma or monstruo, ghost or monster, share it with the reporter.

- When talking to reporters always make sure your parents are nearby!



- Never give away any of your mystery busting secrets to a reporter or to anyone else for that matter.



Congratulations!

You are well on your way to busting your first mystery!

Come back and visit this handbook if you need help.

You can also put this handbook in a notebook and add to it as you come across ideas and information on becoming a better and better detective.