

# Murder in the Naughty Nineties

## Host Instructions

Thank you for purchasing our murder mystery party game! If you've never run one before, then **DO NOT WORRY!** This one is pretty easy to run. More importantly, **it can be run REMOTELY** – ideal for Corona lockdown or for playing with friends and family in different locations.

We believe that we have supplied everything you need to have a hip, dope party. If there are any problems, then please do email us (contact form is on our site) and we shall get back to you quickly.

Jan and John 😊

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# Suggested Format of Party

## Overview

Use a video chat software of your choice to enable all members of your party to see and hear each other remotely.

It's optional, but fancy dress and small token decorations where the cameras are focussed can contribute to a party atmosphere.

Guests can print their own booklets / clues OR can view them on iPads etc.

## Time: Overview

Create a fun atmosphere so guests feel free to ad-lib and enjoy themselves – BUT do keep an eye on the time. If you spend 20 minutes chatting at the end of each round and all spend lots of time cooking in-between rounds ... time can quickly add up. 😊

## Time

The game should take around 1.45 – 2.5+ hours, depending upon ad-libs. Optional characters add slightly to each round. **Food and chatting breaks are in addition to this.**

**If you are short of time, then delete:**

**Initial “Mingling”** (*allows guests to learn who is who before the formal introductions round and recognise major themes of party*)

**Interactive Whodunnit Round** (*evidence that the quick audio summary doesn't cover; guests ham-up their characters for one final time*)

# Suggested Format of Party

## Suggested Timings – Host Instructions in Blue

<b>Optional Initial “Mingling”, Remote-style</b>	15–20+ min
Guests video-conference each other for short chats. Choose whether to coordinate “slots” or have a free-for-all within a set time period; as this is optional, it is not essential for all guests to video conference all guests although each guest will need own login (unless they are working in pairs – see bottom of next page).	
<b>Party begins</b>	5 - 10 min
<b>Ensure</b> all guests are added to video call/conference <b>Ask</b> guests to have party booklets and clues ready <b>Play</b> audio or <b>read</b> Introduction (in Host Materials) Note: this is indicated on Introduction (page 2 of Party Booklets).	
<b>Round Instructions (in Party Booklets)</b>	5 - 10 min
<b>Ask</b> 2 volunteers to alternate reading instructions Note: instructions are on pages 4-5 of Party Booklets.	
<b>Rounds 1 and 2</b>	20-30+ min
Optional break	
<b>Rounds 3 and 4</b>	20-30+ min
Optional break	
<b>Rounds 5 and 6</b>	20-30+ min
<b>Ask</b> guests to complete accusation sheets ( <i>page 12</i> )	
<b>Whodunnit round (optional)</b>	5-10 min
<b>Solution Summary</b>	5 min
<b>Play</b> audio or <b>read</b> Solution in Host Materials Note: this is indicated on Whodunnit (page 15 of Party Booklets) .	
<b>Awards (optional)</b>	5 min
<b>Announce</b> awards for best actor, costume, solution, decorations and/or food; email these to guests after the party	

# Suggested Calendar of Events

## General

**The remote option of this game can be played with minimal preparation and minimal (or no) props.**

## Before Ordering and On Purchase

**Confirm the date with friends BEFORE purchasing and ensure they all have access to your video call/conferencing software of choice.** Each game is completely rewritten for 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 players; refunds unfortunately cannot be given. Whilst it is possible to buy an ADDITIONAL version of this game (for a different number of players) for a 40% discount, you may or may not have to change which guests plays which character. (*See Allocating Characters to Guests section.*)

Tip: You may wish to have two optional players in case of a cancellation. (Optional players have no motive but their Party Booklets let them interact freely during rounds.)

**On purchase, immediately download all files, including the audio files, just in case there are Wi-Fi problems nearer the time.**

## A Few Days Or Weeks Before Party

Allocate guests to characters. (*See Allocating Characters to Guests section.*)

Agree whether you will all eat (in your own homes) before the party or during one of the game breaks. (Eating before the party is easier as everyone is not held up if one guest disappears into the kitchen; eating “together” may, however, add to the party atmosphere and there is an optional Food Award should you wish to use it.)

Agree whether or not you will play the Initial “Mingling” remote-style. If so, agree time for “Mingling” and time when party-proper will begin.

Coordinate login details and time for video call/conference (including Initial “Mingling” if used) using software of choice. Note: for Initial “Mingling”, Rev Honestly & Goldie Honeykins may work as pairs.

# Suggested Calendar of Events

## A Few Days or Weeks Before Party (Continued)

**Using the pre-party files:** email or post each guest their own:

- Invitation
- Pre-party Booklet
- Fake Money (if Initial “Mingling” is to be Played)
- “Tips for (Optional) 90s Decorations” – optional
- Decorations Pack, including Recipe Booklet – may optionally email

Note: costumes, themed food and decorations are not essential but do add to the fun of the game. Optional awards for solution, acting, costumes, decorations and food are in the Host Materials; if you tell your guests in advance which awards will be given, this may encourage more effort!

Ensure your audio Introduction works.

Print out or have on iPad or device (not one used for video call/conference):

- Introduction & Solution (hard copy in case audio fails)

Create a 90s’ playlist (if desired) and sort your own costume/decorations.

## A Few Days Before – or Day Before – or Day of Party

**Using the party files:** email or post each guest their own:

- Party Booklet
- Clue(s) if appropriate

If emailing: also include Instructions for Printing / Viewing Party Booklet. (Some guests may view booklets on iPads etc IF they have another device for video chat).

If posting: obviously, allow adequate time for delivery.

Guests should not read Whodunnit instructions at end of Party Booklet! Many find that not reading rest of Party Booklet beforehand adds an element of surprise and fun to the party.

## After Party

Email the award certificates.

# Allocating Characters to Guests

## General

**EACH character has catchphrases and/or mannerisms so that they can be hammed up as much as the guest wishes (or guests can just read the Party Booklet dialogue suggestions if they wish).**

## Female Suspects

**Karisma, Lady Worthalot-Worthy** – victim's flashy American widow  
An interior designer who dabs her eyes when discussing the mysterious deaths of four former husbands.

*Ah'm from Texas, honey. My poor William and Ahh were so in love.*

**Miss Claire Voyantte** – New Age psychic, claims to be the victim's secret mistress; rejects advances of Fred

*Love and light to all - except the murderer of My William!*

**Miss Scarlet Mopper** – a wanna-be singer who intends to be a MEGA pop star with a secret most hope will stay hidden!

*It's Scarlet-hour, dude; when I'm a famous singer ...*

**It helps to let a strong (preferably flirty) character play Scarlet; Scarlet may optionally sing / rap / ham-up the odd few lines.**

**Spoiler: Scarlet is a call girl with Fred, Thomas & Justin as clients.**

**Lady Beatrice** – unbearably-aristocratic sister of the victim; engaged to Justin Good. Snobbish, narrow-minded member of the upper-classes.

*When one's family have lived in Little Worthalot since 1066, one is shocked, one is horrified, at such behaviour. Justin, support me!*

**Goldie Honeykins** – Hollywood actress now engaged to Rev Honestly Vice President of The Save Our Sinners Foundation

*Darling this murder is dreadfully awful; another dwinkie please!*

# Allocating Characters to Guests

## Male Suspects

**Fred** – still in love with Claire Voyantte and hopes to be the next Poet Laureate.

*Oooh arrh, folks, I be Fred and I be a farmer. Me cows a-want me to marry Claire Voyantte; me pigs a-say she is the mother of my unborn child ...*

**Justin Good** – smooth founder of “Good Causes 4 Us” charity; he swears he loves Lady Beatrice for herself – not her money and connections.  
*There, there, my darling. Don't upset yourself so. Of course, my darling.*

**Rt Hon Thomas Trustme M.P.** – a tireless campaigner against the largest wind farm in Europe? Or an upper-class M.P. with some very dark secrets?  
*Trustme by name, trustable by nature; one lives to serve others, old sport.*

**Rev. Des Honestly** – president of The Save Our Sinners Foundation; is this a cult or is this self-styled reverend really saving sinners to prevent the world ending on December 31st 1999?

*Hallelujah! Praise The Lord; repent and we will all be saved.*

**Rev Honestly & Fred can really ham-up their roles; Justin is a slightly smaller role.**

## Gender Neutral Suspects

**Junior** – rebellious private detective with a liking for grunge

*Whatever - equality for all, not just the rich. We can't all have silk knickers. Talk to the hand.*

**In the optional Whodunnit round, Junior must lead round by asking each suspect how they plead and then agreeing – or not.**

**Mr / Miss Kit Cathoosen** – victim's - respectable? - business partner  
*My hotel is perfectly respectable, cup-cake love-muffin.*

**Mel Mopper** – the Worthalot-Worthy's disgruntled butler / housekeeper who has dreams of becoming a famous TV chef

*If he could corrupt my little Scarlet, he could do anything! I'll have you know, those ungrateful Worthalot-Worthies ...*

# Allocating Characters to Guests

## Optional Characters

**Pat Snapper** – member of the paparazzi; a Goth; distant relation of those snooty Worthalot-Worthies

*The Daily Gossip will love this snap. Pose, Booyah!*

**Tyger Fly** – lead singer / guitarist in All Sinners, a world-famous pop band

*That's wicked fly! BooYah!*

Optional characters are ideal for guests who wish to be present but don't want a big role (guests are free to say as much or as little as they wish) – or for guests who may or may not be able to make your party.

Optional characters have full Initial Mingling instructions. They have catchphrases so guests can enjoy hamming-up the roles if wished. They are given dialogue suggestions for each round and they can ad-lib as they choose.

**As optional characters are rarely given in the list of essential speakers in the left-hand column of each round, they need to chime in; timid speakers may find this a bit difficult. Some parties may, possibly, decide to check whether optional speakers have anything to say before moving on to the next section or round.**

## Characters That Are Deleted In 10-12 Parties

### Spoiler alert below.

**If you need to buy the 10-12 version of this game (a discounted price is available if you have already bought one version), then:**

## Characters Deleted In 10-12 parties

Rev Honestly & Goldie Honey are merged into 1 character (Rev Honestly)  
Justin Good and Thomas Trustme are merged into 1 character (Trustme)

# Party Pack Includes & Printing

## For Host

Host Instructions	Audio Introduction
Award Certificates	Audio Solution
	Introduction & Solution (hard copy)

## Pre-Party – for Each Guest

Pre-party Booklets – essential	Optional files:
Editable Invites (in Word) – useful	Tips for (Optional) 90s Decorations
	Printing / Viewing Notes
	Decorations Pack & Recipe Booklet
	Menu Card & Place Cards

## Party – for each Guest

Character folder containing:	Optional files:
Party Booklets – essential	Printing / Viewing Notes
Clues – essential	Duplicate Map & Accusation Sheet *

\* The map is on page 3 of the Party Booklets but could be useful for pages 9-11 and others. A printed Accusation sheet could be completed if Party Booklet is viewed electronically.

## Paper required (If Not Viewed on an iPad etc)

	Per person Double-sided	Per Person Single-sided	Host
Pre-Party Booklets *	1	2	
Invites *		0.5	
Party Booklets *	4	8	
Clues *	0 - 1	0 - 1	
Intro & Solution			2

\*Print and post or else email to guests so they can print them (booklets are best printed double-sided). Guests may alternatively wish to view booklets and clues on a device (eg an iPad) **IF** they have another device to use for video call/conference. Obviously, devices should be well-charged!

# Decorations

## Ideas

**For decoration ideas, see the  
Decorations tab of**

<https://maplemysterygames.com/product/murder-in-the-naughty-nineties>

**or our Pinterest board**

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/MapleMysteryGames/murder-in-the-naughty-nineties/>

## Party Pack Includes

Your party pack contains the following printouts:

### **Manor House Printouts**

Servants' Rules

Worthalot Manor house signs – Manor House design

### **1990s Printouts**

Worthalot Manor house signs – 1990s design

Selected slang words on a dope background

Record centers (for coasters)

Note: some printers may show faint white lines at intervals on some printouts, especially if ink levels are low. They are not usually noticeable at a distance.

# Food

## Important

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## General

For 1990s’ food ideas, see the food tab of

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or our Pinterest board

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See the Recipes booklet (included in the Decorations Pack and Recipe Booklet that you may optionally wish to send to each guest) for suggested recipes that can be prepared (largely) in advance. Note that these recipes were designed for hosting your own party and quantities may need to be scaled down.

## Win a Free Party

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