



# LEXICON

**OPENING NIGHT - Senior Play**

## SCENE 1

**Inspector:** A police officer investigating a crime

**Opening night:** The first night of a theatre production

**Detective:** A police officer who investigates crimes

**Costume:** Clothing worn by an actress/actor during a show

**Feathers:** Birds grow them

**Hives:** bumps on the skin that are itchy and arise from an allergic reaction to something

**Feather boa:** an extravagant scarf covered in hundreds of feathers, usually coming in many colours

## SCENE 2

**Ready to take the plunge:** Ready to do something

**Mystery:** Something unknown, suspicious and with a lot of questions

**The theatre is full to bursting!:** There are a lot of people present

**You are going to dazzle them:** You are going to be incredible

**Let's shed some light on this mystery:** Give some information on what happened

## SCENE 4

**Exclusive news:** News only shared by that paper

**Unity Theatre:** A theatre in Dublin

## SCENE 5

**In two shakes of a lamb's tail:** Very quickly

**Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap:** A famous murder mystery play

**Proof:** Evidence

**Victim:** The person harmed

**Rookie:** A beginner, someone new

## SCENE 6

**Clients:** A person or organisation using the service

**You passed with flying colours:** You did very well

## SCENE 7

**Affair:** A long-term relationship between two people when one or both people are in another relationship with someone else

**Cheated:** Infidelity, dishonesty

**You are barking up the wrong tree:** You've got it wrong

**Alibi:** Evidence that someone was somewhere else (usually during a crime)

**Witnesses:** People who watched the event occur

**Fixed it without a hitch:** It was fixed without any problems

## SCENE 8

**Police recruit:** Someone beginning to be initiated into the police force

**Incident took place:** Where the crime/event happened

**Probably sleeping somewhere in the wings:** The wings - the side of the stage

**Inquiry:** Investigation

**Keep you up to date:** Let you what is happening as soon as they know

**Green light:** The go ahead/ the okay to do something

## SCENE 9

**Face the storm boy:** Attack a problem face on/ not run away from a problem

**The crossing was a success:** Everything went as planned

**I went to hoist the mainsail:** A term for putting a sail up in a boat - refers to lifting the stage curtain

**Far off on the bow of the ship:** At the front of the ship

**Officer, close off the perimeter:** Make sure no one leaves the area or gets in

## SCENE 10

**It's an American profiling technique:** A technique used to identify the perpetrator (the person who did the crime)

**Case closed Chief:** The case has been solved

**Forensic reports:** The reports from the laboratory on the DNA, blood etc (forensics)

**Toxic powder:** Powder that would make someone very ill/kill them if they ingested it

**Poison:** Usually in a liquid and put in a drink that kills the drinker

## SCENE 11

**Broadway:** A huge theatre district in New York

**A major blow:** A big injury

## SCENE 12

**Ever since the news hit:** Every since finding out the news

**The crowds have been coming in hordes:** There have been a lot of people

**Rumours:** gossip about what could have happened

**Prime suspect:** The person who is supposedly thought to have done the crime

## SCENE 13

**Cracking the case:** Solving the case

**I've been blind as a bat:** Haven't been able to see what's right in front of them

## SCENE 14

**Pay homage to our dear friend:** Show deep respect and praise for someone who has died

**Interrogate:** Ask many questions in sometimes an aggressive fashion

**Allergic:** Having a strong negative reaction to something such as hives, rashes

**The feather was mightier than the sword:** A reference to a famous quote "The pen is mightier than the sword"

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