

Evidence 1: the sciencey details

Forensics is a science that is a lot like a game! It involves finding clues, piecing together a puzzle, and solving the mysteries left behind at a crime scene. This is also the case in other science. Scientists carry out many different experiments and then piece together the information to try and work out what is happening. Scientists also have to use experiments and data made by other scientists to get the full picture.

In forensics scientists use clues left behind at the crime scene – such as fingerprints and footprints. These have to be compared against those of the suspects or against large databases that store lots of information about different shoe print types or store the fingerprints of known criminals.

In biology we also use large databases that store lots of information about stuff we already know and experimental results that could be analysed in different ways. These are very useful for piecing together the big picture.

