conspiracy : when people secretly plan together to do something bad or illegal The three men are accused of conspiracy.﻿

﻿ ﻿She has been charged with conspiracy to﻿ murder.

I think there was a conspiracy to﻿ keep me out of the committee.

Culprit : ﻿someone who has done something wrong

Police hope the public will help them to find the culprits.﻿

﻿ a fact or situation that is the reason for something bad happening

Children in this country are getting much too fat, and sugar and sweets are the main culprits.

Implication : when you seem to suggest something without saying it directly

She accused the party and, by﻿ implication, its leader too.

The company is cutting back its spending and I wonder what the implications will be for﻿ our department.

What are the implications of﻿ the new law?

﻿ ﻿when you suggest or show that someone is involved in a crime

The case depended upon his implication of his co-workers in the fraud.