



Complete Game Essentials for 12 players

Documents to be viewed only by the host

For the host (or host couple):

Before the party:

In the days leading up to the game, select 12 dinner guests to assume the identities of the 12 suspects. You already know who The Ghost (see page 9) and the guilty suspect (see page 12) are and can therefore ensure that the directions and rules are followed as you entertain.

Essentials for game setup (included):

- (12) Statement Cards (pages 4-10) to cut/fold and put into envelopes, or crop and distribute digitally
- (12) Name Cards (pages 13-14) to print and cut/fold, or crop and distribute digitally
- (1) Announcement Card that you, the host, will read (page 12)
- (1) Last Memories List to be shared with The Ghost once he or she is identified (pages 11-12)
- (1) Answer Card revealing the guilty character and motive (page 12)

Additional materials (not included):

- (13) envelopes (3 5/8 x 5 1/8" or larger), if playing in person
- Pens, if playing in person

How to position the cards and tags:

Before any guests arrive, assign two names to each envelope: the name of the guest and the character he or she is playing. Place each card inside its corresponding envelope and seal it. One specific player's Statement Card (page 9) will say "YOU ARE THE GHOST." Place each guest's envelope at their seat, and prop their name cards up beside it. Place the answer card in a sealed envelope at the center of the table.

If you're playing virtually, simply assign the names in an email or text message and attach the appropriate files. However, guests should not open their materials until the party begins.

Time to play!

After greetings, cocktails, and mingling in character:

The host should now read the Announcement Card aloud. Everyone else then opens their character envelopes or emails. The guest with the ghost card immediately identifies him or herself to the group and reads the short statement below "YOU ARE THE GHOST" aloud.

Statements and clues:

Going one by one, each player reads their statement aloud. Any statement can be repeated at the host's discretion.

Enjoy the evening in character

Encourage guests to mingle while in their characters. Guests may ask others to repeat their statements to gain a clearer understanding of their personas and alibis.

Closing in

Next, the Ghost should read the Last Memories List— recounting the last encounter with each guest—aloud. These facts are to be considered 100% accurate, and the list can be repeated at the host's discretion.

One recollection contains a discrepancy of fact, or clue, revealing a lie that was previously told by one of the suspects. Uncover the lie and you have identified the guilty party, but keep your hunches to yourself for now!

Accusations

Once everyone has had up to 10 minutes to rethink all of the factual evidence, guests turn their Statement Card over and write the name of the character they suspect on the back. Players can also write their own name as an “admission” of guilt. If you're playing virtually, go around the video chat and ask guests to enter their accusation into the text chat.

The reveal

The host tallies the accusations and reads the names aloud. He or she then opens their sealed envelope to reveal the guilty player, the key clue and the motive. Players who had the correct accusation are declared the winners!



Les Takaluk
Mechanic

Name: Les Takaluk
Occupation: Mechanic
Age: 48
Gender: Male
Your statement:

Last time Mona brought her Hyundai in, she came back an hour later saying she'd left her laptop in the trunk and needed it...but when I pulled the car off the lift it wasn't in there. I never saw it and she never found it, but she got real mad and never trusted me after that. She was seeing my card-playing buddy Levitt lately. Not sure what he saw in her but that ain't my business.

Sorry she went out like this but I can't say we were close.



Sonny Withers
Meteorologist

Name: Sonny Withers
Occupation: Meteorologist
Age: 33
Gender: Female
Your statement:

I live in the condo downstairs from Mona. She was an odd bird. Hung around with lots of weirdos, but no matter how weird it got, she'd still have that same serene expression plastered to her face. And for all the time she spent on that flip phone, you'd think she'd consider an upgrade.

Anyway, I popped by McShady's for a post-work appletini on Saturday and saw her there just before 7pm with Ionna and Cole. Ionna looked extremely upset about something, Cole was standing between them and Mona was just, well... looking serene. I steered clear and left to get sushi before they noticed me. Next thing I know it's Sunday morning and OMG, the police are everywhere, like, brushing doorknobs and taking photos.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES

FOLD ALONG STRAIGHT LINE



Miles Oliver
Private Pilot

Name: Miles Oliver
Occupation: Private Pilot
Age: 42
Gender: Male
Your statement:

I barely know Mona but she was on the manifest for my 5pm Saturday flight to Iowa and never showed. It was booked by Cary Picket for him and a bunch of other folks from Senator Wendall's campaign, so I assumed she was working with them.

We finally took off at 5:30pm when the rain and fog lifted.

I think Cary tried calling Mona one last time before we closed the cabin doors but she didn't pick up.



Cole Miller
Unemployed

Name: Cole Miller
Occupation: Unemployed
Age: 31
Gender: Male
Your statement:

Mona and I got along okay. I sometimes owed her money from bad bets but whenever I paid them off she'd wipe my drink tab from the books as a reward. As long as I kept that arrangement and her sports action from Anna and the owners, we were cool.

Anna, on the other hand, didn't want Mona to know I drank for free whenever I filled in for her. Well, when I filled in for her on Saturday I drank a LOT for free and don't really remember whether Mona or Ionna left first. But It was probably about the same time, but not together...I think.

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Anna Thur
Bartender

Name: Anna
Occupation: Bartender
Age: 26
Gender: Female
Your statement:

Newsflash for y'all: Mona, wasn't just an accountant. When she did McShady's bookkeeping on Saturday mornings, I'd always hear her taking bets on horses and college games.

Last Saturday, Sharon and I had an anniversary so I left Cole at the bar and ran to the florist just before it closed at 7pm. Sharon loves daffodils and Paulina loves making fun of me for "waiting 'til the last minute for everything" while she rings up my annual bouquet. Whatever.

I do recall seeing Mona with Ionna at the bar before I left and both were gone when I got back around 7:30pm. Maybe Cole knows where they went.



Ned A. Wayne
Locksmith

Name: Ned A. Wayne
Occupation: Locksmith
Age: 66
Gender: Male
Your statement:

Mona and I go way back. We met when I first changed her locks about 7 years ago. We were both widowers. I was lonely and back then she was a good listener. We eventually grew apart but she still had me change her locks every few months. I wanted to think it was because she wanted to see me again, but whenever I was there she was on that stupid flip phone.

Yes, I had a key to her place but she had a key to mine too.

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Cary Pickett
Political Volunteer

Name: Cary Pickett
Occupation: Political Volunteer
Age: 22
Gender: Male
Your statement:

It's so sad about Mona. She was so hip. I don't know if she had a political weathervane or not, but when I told her Senator Wendall needed someone to help with the accounting for his campaign contributions, she didn't hesitate.

We were on our way to the airport with her at about 4pm when she got a call and said she had an emergency. So we turned the van around and dropped her off at her condo. She didn't say who the call was from but it was the last time I saw her.



Levitt Long
Barber

Name: Levitt Long
Occupation: Barber
Age: 65
Gender: Male
Your statement:

I'd been seeing a little of Mona lately. I liked her a lot and that smile of hers just put me at ease. She's great with money too. So when Senator Wendall was in a couple of weeks ago, talking about some campaign money issues he was having, I recommended her. He liked the idea and I know they were going to talk more about it in Iowa.

If only she had boarded that plane! Maybe she would still be alive today.

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Paulina Saison
Florist

Name: Paulina Saison

Occupation: Florist

Age: 29

Gender: Female

Your statement:

I knew of Mona and was surprised when Senator Wendall said he was interested in having her work on his campaign finances. Nothing against her, but I think the world of the Senator, his values, and his platform for climate change...and Mona seemed like an odd fit.

But like Cary says, there's a place for all of our supporters so I was just glad she'd decided to join the good fight. Until this happened.



Dr. Sharon Schotz
ER Physician

Name: Dr. Sharon Schotz

Occupation: ER Physician

Age: 31

Gender: Female

Your statement:

My partner Anna knew Mona a lot better than me, from McShady's. Just another barfly as far as I could tell. I know Anna works hard there, but I think she could be doing more with her life. That party atmosphere makes her so flakey. I think she actually forgot that last Saturday was our 5th anniversary, even though she claimed she left my daffodils at the bar.

I'll say this much for Mona though: she often dropped Cole off at the ER when he'd had way too much to drink, including the weekend before last. I thought that was kind of sweet. I wish one of us could have saved her.

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Ionna Lott
Heiress

Name: Ionna Lott
Occupation: Heiress
Age: 24
Gender: Female
Your statement:

I'm such an idiot for giving Mona control over my financial affairs. I was once a multi-millionaire and on Saturday she informed me that the crypto trades she'd been executing on my behalf were almost worthless and most of my fortunes were gone.

When I threatened to call the police about her illegal sports betting ring, she tried to calm me down, saying she had almost \$100,000 in her apartment around the corner to get me through the next month, until we could figure something out. But I was so upset I stormed out and went for a long walk by myself. That was the last time I saw her.



Mona Terry
Accountant / Bookmaker

Name: Mona Terry
Occupation: Accountant / Bookmaker
Age: 1948-2019
Gender: Female

YOU ARE THE GHOST:

Read this statement aloud:

According to the Police Reports, I, Mona Terry became a ghost sometime between 5pm-12am, last Saturday, October 26th 2019. I was found just inside my condo doorway with one of my own kitchen knives on the floor next to me.

You are all considered suspects and one of you is guilty of this crime. My ghost will help guide you to the answer. Game on.

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Last Memories of The Ghost

Les Takaluk

The last time I saw Les was a few months before I passed. I'd brought my car in but left without taking my laptop out of the trunk. When I went back for it, the laptop, along with the keys to all of Ionna's crypto currency accounts were gone. I really laid into Les, but I was also just so upset about letting Ionna down as a client.

Sonny Withers

Sonny is a silly girl. I saw her down the bar before I left McShady's on Saturday, looking all dolled up, but I avoided her to avoid being judged. I don't know why you need those clothes and all that makeup to say what the weather is but I guess it earned her a candy-colored drink.

Miles Oliver

Miles flies Ionna all over the place and I know she's secretly infatuated with him. I've tagged along with Ionna a couple of times but the last time I spoke with him was when Ned surprised me with a weekend getaway to the Virgin Islands 6 or 7 years ago. On Saturday, I was supposed to be on the flight with Senator Wendall's campaign team but Ionna had called me about her account balances so I had to deal with that instead.

Cole Miller

Cole was with us at McShady's on Saturday too. At some point, while the whole thing with Ionna was playing out, and before she stormed off, Cole took over behind the bar and started serving himself.

Anna Thur

Anna poured my scotch and soda that Saturday, but seemed preoccupied. She can be judgmental and moody sometimes, but the look on her face that night was even more intense. I wonder if her and Sharon are on the outs.

Ned A. Wayne

Ned's kind of a sad case. We had our thing way back when but his smothering ended what could have been a good time. I still let him change my locks whenever I got nervous but acted real busy so he wouldn't try turning on the charm. But it's not like I didn't trust him.

Cary Pickett

Cary is a sweet kid but super idealistic and gullible. How else do you explain him getting swept up into 2 political campaigns in 2 years that are on opposite sides of the political spectrum? I think he did it because he loves Paulina even though Paulina loves Senator Wendall.

Levitt Long

If I'd known last Saturday morning was the last time I'd ever see Levitt, I'd have stared at him a little longer. We'd only been dating for a month or so, not serious, but he was a strong, handsome man that knew a lot of people in high places. We kissed goodbye at his front door and I headed to McShady's to start my day.

Paulina Saison

I didn't know Paulina well, but she was all in on the campaign so I saw her Saturday too. I think I can add her to the list of people who judges me because she was driving the van to the airport and flashed an irritated glance at Cary when I asked them to turn around. I mean, I get it. She closed the flower shop down for the whole day just to be with her dreamy Senator, but I know they still boarded the plane on time.

Dr. Sharon Schotz

I didn't know Sharon that well but did see her when I dropped a drunken Cole off at the ER a couple of weeks ago. She seemed glad I did but one thing threw me: she asked if I'd "ever found my laptop." Now how would she know about that?

Ionna Lott

She stormed off on me at the bar that night and that was it. I feel so terrible about losing almost all of her inheritance. For that, and the fact that I held some of it in cash, I should have gone to jail. Once her investments started to slide, I did some stupid risky things to make it back before she noticed. But it just made things worse. She has no street smarts and no life skills. I honestly don't know how she'll survive now.



Host Announcement

Read aloud once guests are ready

As you all know, one of us has crossed over at the hands of another and is now The Ghost.

Everyone can now open their character assignment. If your card says "YOU ARE THE GHOST" please identify yourself right away and read your statement. We will then go around asking each remaining suspect to read their statements aloud.

Once your stories have been told, The Ghost will have a chance to recount his or her last recollections about all of you. Therein lies a contradiction of fact that will reveal which of you has lied in your statement and is therefore the guilty party.

After The Ghost speaks, you will be asked to submit the name of a character you suspect to me. If you're right, you're a winner. Let's begin!



Answer Card Announcement

FOR THE HOST ONLY

**Below is the answer to the mystery.
Do not read if you are a guest.**

The guilty guest is Anna Thur. She left the bar at 7pm to steal the \$100,000 in cash Mona spoke openly about in the bar, and Mona surprised her by coming home while she was still there. Her alibi—going to the flower shop and having a conversation with Paulina—could not have happened because Paulina was on her way to Iowa.

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