

# Power of Evidence

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Part A: Types of Evidence

1. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence includes oral or written statements given to police as well as court testimony by people who witnessed an event.

2. What factors could affect a person's account of a crime? Why?

3. Investigators create \_\_\_\_\_ using software and eyewitness reports for people involved in a crime or a missing person's case.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence refers to indirect evidence that tends to establish a conclusion by inference (not a direct link).

5. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence refers to any material items that would be present at the crime scene, on the victims, or found in a suspect's possession. It includes all materials that can be tested, examined, and used for comparison.

6. Classify each type of physical evidence listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Evidence from fires, explosions, paints, and glass as well as controlled & illegal substances

\_\_\_\_\_ - Microscopic (or \_\_\_\_\_) evidence, such as hairs, fibers, woods, soils, building materials, insulation and other materials.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Analysis of body fluids and dried stains such as blood, semen, and saliva; DNA analysis may help to identify persons involved in a crime.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Body fluids and tissues to determine the presence of drugs and poisons.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Identification and comparison of fingerprints or other hidden impressions from sources like feet, shoes, ears, lips or the tread on vehicle tires.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Study of bullets and ammunition through the comparison of fired bullets, cartridges, guns, and gunpowder patterns on people and objects.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Examines marks left by tools on objects at a crime scene or on a victim, such as a hammer used to break an object or a screwdriver used to pick a lock.

### Challenge Answers

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**Part B: Identify each type of evidence as testimonial (T), physical (P), or circumstantial (C).  
Some may have more than once answer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Suspect's statement of what happened during the crime*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Blood droplets found on a weapon*

\_\_\_\_\_ *The suspect and victim worked at the same company*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A person's accounts of an accident between a car and a truck*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Victim's version of an attack or crime*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A video segment from a surveillance camera where the crime occurred.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Hairs and fibers found on a victim's coat matched to a suspect.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A rock found at the suspect's house is the same type of rock found at the crime scene.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A person reports he saw the suspect's car in the same area as the crime.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tire tracks at the crime scene were from a pickup truck.*