



Types of Vocabulary

TIER 1

Clue
Hat
Law
Crime
Fear
Run
Body
Code
Badge
Call
Report
Team
Solve
Secret

TIER 2

Agent
Guilty
Innocent
Charges
Scene
Police
Weapon
Safety
Jury
Victim
Bail
Headline
Robbery
Uniform

TIER 3

Detective
Whodunit
Suspicious
Imprisoned
Investigation
Forensic
Ambush
Motive
Evidence
Murderer
Defendant
Verdict
Magnifying Glass
Inquiry
Assassinate

Basic words, rarely
require direct
instruction for native
speakers

High frequency words
used across a variety
of subjects; may have
multiple meanings

Low frequency words,
technical terms and
subject-specific