Detective mission card:

DETECTIVE — Your mission

Jamie's phone is missing. Interview the witnesses and write down their answers.

Ask questions such as:

- What time did you arrive?
- What was the person wearing?
- Where were you sitting?
- Who did you speak to?
- What did the person buy?
- What were you doing when the phone disappeared?
- Where did you see the person go?
- Are you sure you saw the phone, or did you only see something similar?

At the end, report:

1. Who took the phone?
2. What did the person look like?
3. What happened to the phone?
4. Which witness was unreliable, and why?

Witnesses cards

Witness— The café worker

You were working behind the counter.
You arrived at 11:45 a.m.

At 12:14 a young man wearing a blue jacket and dark jeans
ordered a coffee.

He had a black backpack and short brown hair.
He paid by card and sat near the window.

At approximately 12:23, you saw him leave the café quickly.

You did not see him take the phone.

Your task: Answer the detective's questions. Do not guess
who took the phone.

Witnesses cards

Witness — The student by the window

You were studying at a table near Jamie.
You arrived at 12:00. You wore a brown shirt, a red scarf
and black trousers.

Jamie left the table at around 12:15 to go to the counter.

A man in a blue jacket walked past Jamie's table at 12:19.
He stopped, looked at the phone and picked it up. He put it in his jacket pocket and walked towards the exit.

You noticed that he was carrying a black backpack.

Your task: Explain what you saw, but do not tell the detective everything immediately. Answer their questions.

Witness — The person who bought lunch

You were waiting for your food near the counter.

You arrived at 12:10.
You were wearing a red coat, black trousers and white trainers.
You bought a sandwich and a bottle of water.

At 12:18, you walked past Jamie's table.
You picked up your black wallet, which you had accidentally
left on a nearby chair.

You left the café at 12:22 and went to the university library.
You did not touch Jamie's phone.

Your task: Explain where you were and what you did. You may need to defend yourself if the detective suspects you.

Witnesses cards

Witness — The coffee lover

You were sitting near the café entrance.
You arrived at 12:05. Wearing jeans and a black t-shirt with a picture of a coffee mug.

At around 12:18, you saw someone wearing a red coat bend down near Jamie's table.

You thought the person picked up a phone.
You told another student that the person in the red coat had taken Jamie's phone.

However, you were sitting far away, and people were walking between you and the table.

You did not see the object clearly.
You did not follow the person after they left.

Your task: Tell the detective what you remember. At first, you believe you saw the phone being taken. Only if the detective asks careful questions, admit that you are not completely sure what the person picked up.

Witness — The person outside

You were standing outside the café.
You arrived at the university at 12:00.

At 12:24, you saw a man with short brown hair wearing a blue jacket.He was carrying a black backpack.

He looked at a black phone while walking towards the bus stop. He appeared confused and stopped to check the phone's screen.
He then continued towards the bus stop.
You did not know his name.

Your task: Describe what you saw and where the man went. You do not know whether the phone belonged to him.

Solution (only for the teacher's eyes!)

Who took the phone? The man wearing the blue jacket, dark jeans and black backpack.

What happened? At approximately 12:19, he picked up Jamie's phone and put it in his jacket pocket. He then left the café and walked towards the bus stop.

Where did he go? Towards the bus stop.

Who gave unreliable information? Coffee lover, who saw the person in the red coat bending down and assumed they had taken the phone. In reality, the person in the red coat was collecting their own wallet.

What is the likely explanation? The man in the blue jacket took the phone, but the witnesses do not know whether he did so deliberately or by mistake. The students should distinguish what they know from what they are only guessing.