



Farm mysteries

Story

Strange things are happening lately in our village.

Main goal

Players must cooperate and associate clue cards with relating mystery cards in order to solve the mystery cases. And, of course, collect as many points as possible.

Contents

- 7 role cards
- 14 mystery cards
- 42 clue cards
- Rulebook

Players: 3-5

Duration: 10-15 minutes

How to print the game

Download the printing PDF files of the game from our [website](#), while you choose your language.

THE OUTPUTS

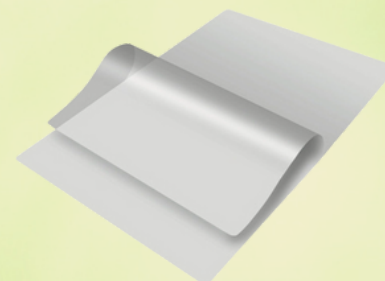
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Any white A4 200-300gsm paper is recommended.

Or use A4 normal paper and laminating pouches to make the cards more stiff.



Print the PDF files in A4 format, colored, on both sides of the paper.

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When printing **Clue cards** and **Rulebook** on both sides of the paper, choose "flip on **long** edge" in order to print them correctly.

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How to cut the game cards

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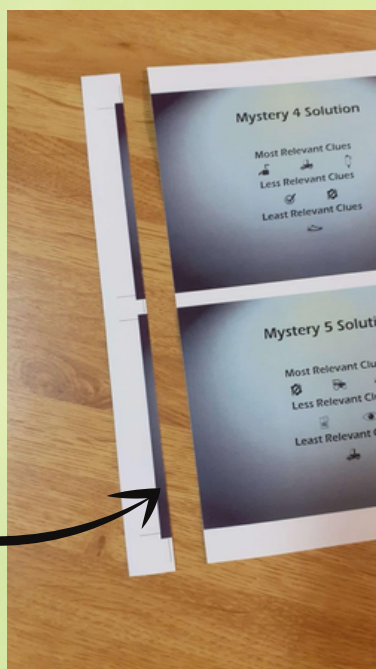


2. Use the trim marks on the front side of the cards to cut them to the right size.



3. Do not worry about the bleed that will be cut off on the back side of the cards.

It is added in case of a printers' obliquity in printing on both sides of the paper.



Set up of the game

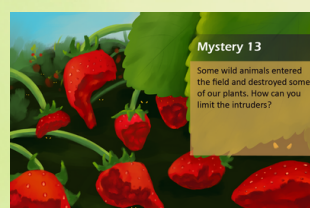
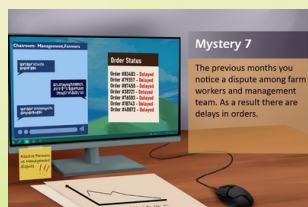
1. Each player randomly picks a role card and places it in front of themselves for all players to see.



2. Then 3 mystery cards are placed in the center of the table (on the side that summarises the story and the challenge).



3. Each player draws 4 clue cards and keeps them in front of them without revealing them to the rest of the players.



4. Finally, players read the challenges (on the mystery cards) and the game starts with the player who visited a farm most recently, continuing clockwise.

5. The players can check at the bottom of their role cards (where it says "Mysteries ... and ...")



6. The players with roles associated with the mysteries can read by themselves the more detailed mystery descriptions that can be found to the chapter titled "Detailed Mysteries".



Gameplay

1. In each round, players can choose 0-2 clue cards and associate them with the mystery cards (by placing them) in a way that they believe the clues might be helpful to solve the case.



2. The first player can then discard as many clue cards as she/he wants without revealing them to the other players. These cards must be removed from the game.






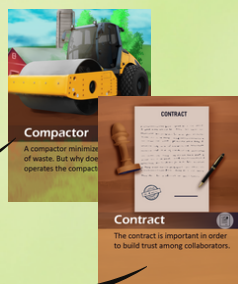
3. Afterwards, the player draws as many clue cards as needed in order to have 4 cards again.



5. Each mystery card can have up to 3 clue cards on it. Players can discuss whether certain clue cards are misplaced on some mysteries but can not see which ones are correct until the end of the game.

4. Then, each player plays in the same manner. Only once in the game, each player is allowed to reposition, change or discard clue cards that have been previously associated with the mysteries cards. They can do this, in case they consider the clues have wrongly associated with the mystery.

| Mystery | Solution |
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| Most Relevant Clues |  |
| Less Relevant Clues |  |
| Least Relevant Clues |  |



End of the game

The game is over when:







- **3 rounds are completed,**
- or **each mystery card is associated with 3 clue cards.**
- or there are **no cards in the deck.**

Players will then flip the mystery cards and compare the clues collected with the clues depicted on the card.

For each correct item found in **the first row** they will get **3 points,**

for cards in **the second row,** they get **2 points**

and for correct clues in **the third row,** they get **1 point.**

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|---------|---|
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Then they will add up the points and depending on the chosen difficulty of the game, they will win or not.

In **easy mode,** the players need **more than 10 points in total** to win.

In the **medium-difficulty mode,** the players need **more than 17 points in total** to win.

In the very **difficult game** they need **more than 25 points in total.**



In addition, if **in a mystery** they have collected **7 or more points** then **they can read** in the rulebook **the solution of the corresponding mystery.**

Detailed Mysteries

Mystery 1

The largest grocery supplier in our small town has gone bankrupt. All of a sudden, he lost all his fortune. It is true that the last time we met I could tell he seemed a little worried since rumours were spreading that banks would soon fail.

While we were discussing, we were interrupted by his secretary, who slipped some documents into his office. He read them quickly, turned pale and asked me to leave his office immediately. While I was putting on my coat, my eyes fell on these documents, and they seemed strange. Did they contain information about the bankruptcy?

Working as an economist for many years, it is the first time I am facing such a serious situation. All his possessions including the produced goods in his warehouse have been confiscated. How can we deliver our remaining orders? We depended on his company since it was trustworthy. Should we use some new technological equipment?

Please help us!



Mystery 2

Great news! A start-up competition with limited submissions has been launched by a mysterious investor. The winner will be awarded 1,000,000 Euros! I think we definitely need to participate. It will help us manage our financial difficulties!

Being an economist does not mean that I can prepare everything by myself for pitching and drafting our business model. No one wants to help me and all of our staff have lost their motivation. Our boss promised to give us a raise or upgrade the enterprise's equipment, but it does not seem to help...

Who may be suitable to help? Our boss's nephew might be ideal since he works closely with him. But can I trust him? Last year, he drafted a development plan that turned out to be a failure. He also led an unsuccessful campaign... It would also be helpful to find out more about the investor's profile.

Does he just want to help agro-enterprises?
Or is there something more behind this?



Mystery 3

A friend of mine recently learned that her uncle passed away. He was a successful farmer but, since he had no children, she inherited all his fortune. How will she take care of the fields? She is currently unemployed and wants to take this opportunity without having any prior experience.

I am an agronomist specialising in smart farming and I offered to help her to transition as a farmer. She complains about all that hard work, refuses to organize her day ahead, and claims she is not in the mood.

All of a sudden, she called me very scared because she heard some very strange noises from the fields. But she could find the reason by checking the monitoring app she uses. She could not find clues from the app which provides measurements for the local environmental conditions using sensors at various points in the fields.

The app seems to have crashed or been hacked since there are strange images on her screen. Should the graphic designer check the app? Or is something more serious happening during the night?



Mystery 4

What a disaster...

A biowaste leak in the nearby lake was confirmed. Why do the filters of the pumps not function?

Yesterday, when I was near the area everything seemed fine. Can we prevent this environmental damage?

In the past few months, I have managed to instruct local farmers to minimize their waste as much as possible. What could have happened? Should we check the pumps? Or should we compress the waste produced so as to reduce its volume?

Let's wait for what the technician might say.

Why did I find a single shoe nearby my toolbox?

What is happening here?



Mystery 5

What a mess this is in our warehouse!

Our tractor is broken, and our yield has disappeared. We have a lot of work to do...

I will do my best as an engineer to fix the tractor. But where are my tools? I can not find my tool case anywhere.

Oh, no, our compressor is broken too.

The damage is big. Fingers crossed, our insurance will cover most of our loss. But, we have to be attentive.

Let's look for a security guard...

Who did such damage to us?



Mystery 6

Lately, our monitoring cameras have been damaged by serpents which entered our fields.

As an engineer, I took all the preventative measures to avoid this damage but...still no results. It seems that serpents have found alternative ways to enter and throw down our cameras, also entering our pipes.

I decided to use repellents and I found out that many farmers in our area face the same problem. Shall I use cats to catch the serpents? Or shall I lift the cameras to a higher point?

Certainly, adding a higher fence cannot resolve this issue. Many of our workers eat while working in the fields, throwing garbage in it. Food waste might attract serpents...

What has happened?

Where do all these serpents come from?



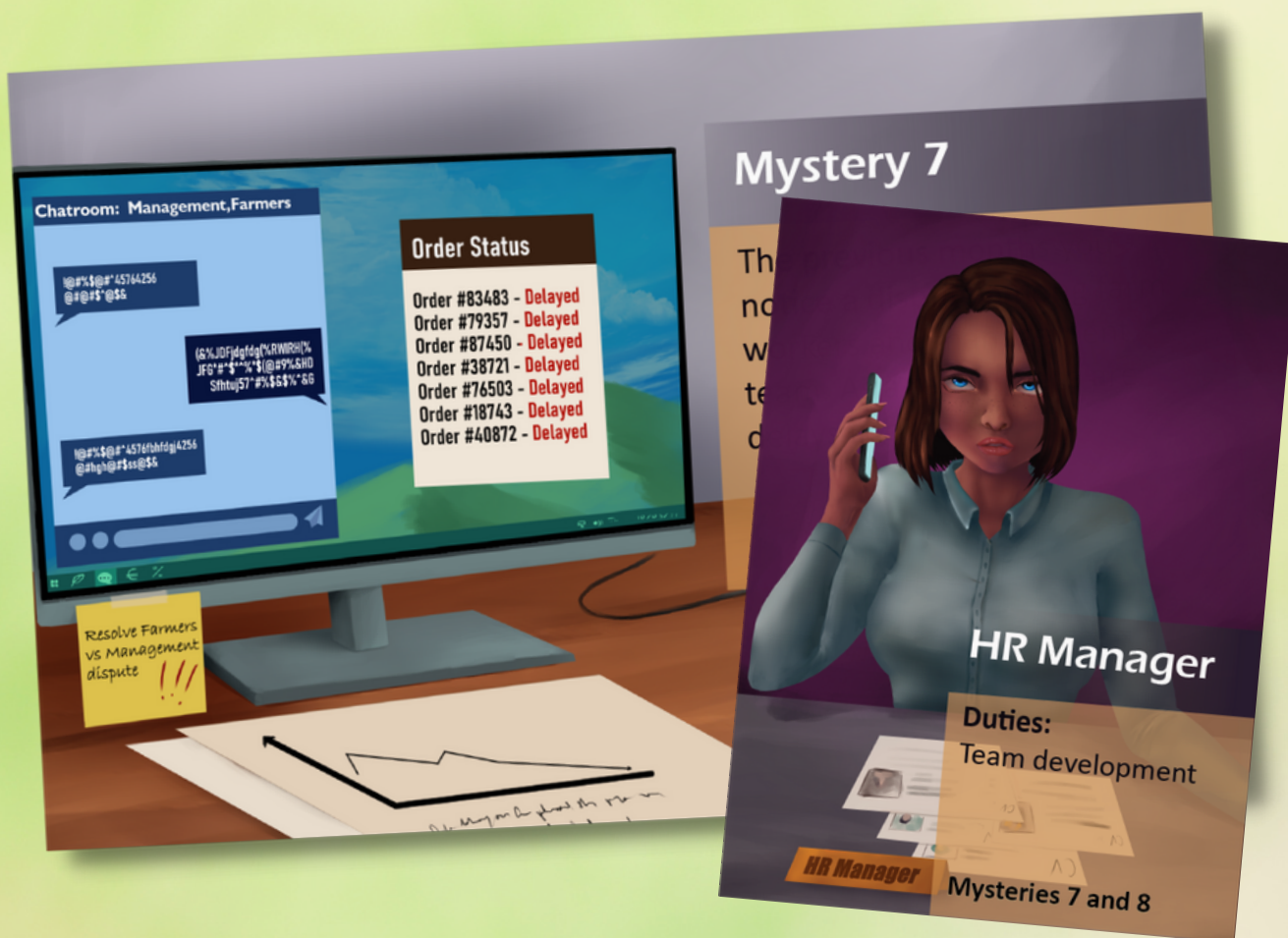
Mystery 7

An unprecedented conflict between the farm's workers and their managers has begun resulting in a delay in all our operations.

The supply manager asked for my help as the HR manager, to resolve this dispute, increase the whole team's bonds and proceed with undelivered orders.

My plan was to create some group activities but everyone seems to avoid being in the same space. All farm workers deny talking to me or to report on their conflicts with their managers even when I offered them a raise.

Time is running out and I have to talk to our CEO before taking severe measures. We also have to hurry up because our suppliers could raise serious concerns.



Mystery 8

John, one of the most recently recruited employees, acts very strangely. He is highly skilled and I do not want to make an issue out of this for the time being.

It wasn't a long time ago when we inherited a significant amount of money, which my parents and I decided to invest in creating a post-production unit for our family-run farm.

I, being the HR manager of our business, was responsible for recruiting new employees. I hope I was not wrong in choosing John.

Shall I talk to him to find out what is going on?



Mystery 9

What a disaster...

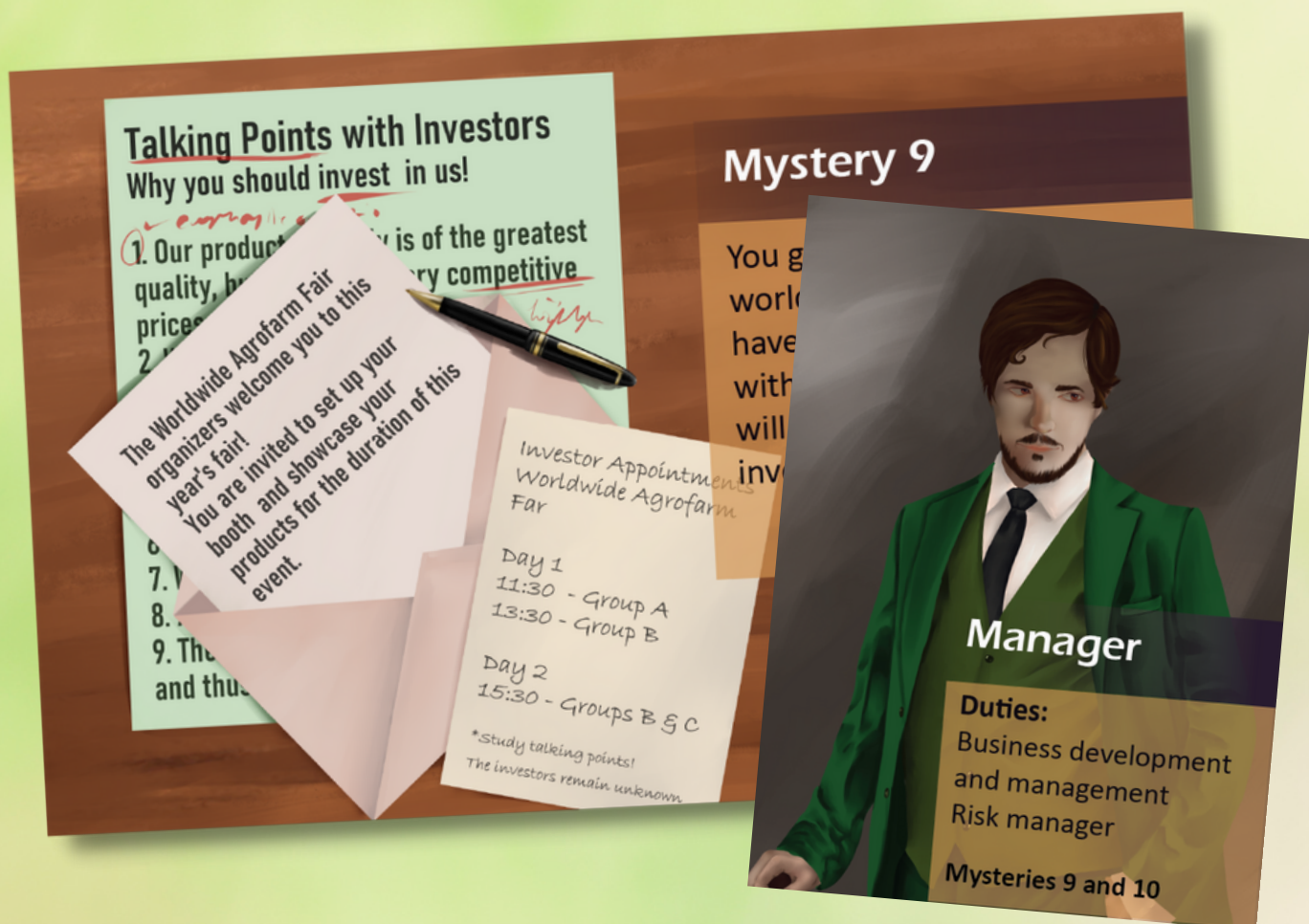
The International Agrofarm Fair begins tomorrow and all my presentations and documents on our agribusiness start-up's strategic development plan have disappeared.

I asked my two friends, who are co-founders of our business, whether they have accidentally taken my documents. I am totally destroyed.

Tomorrow and for the next 5 days, I had booked appointments with several CEOs and investors. As I was standing in the fair's lobby, I saw some documents torn apart which looked familiar.

I took a close look and saw that these papers were my preparation material. How were they destroyed?

Who did that? And why does this person want to harm us?



Mystery 10

For the past few weeks, we have been experiencing very low temperatures in our area resulting in damage to our crops.

Who could have predicted this kind of risk? Even though I have taken care of such situations for many years. Luckily, we have an insurance contract.

I ran to my office to find the relevant documents but, unfortunately, they had disappeared.

If we fail, we will have severe financial damage.

And I do not even want to think about our undelivered orders.



Mystery 11

The business world is full of competition by immoral means. It appears that someone has copied one of our products, which has not launched yet, with lower quality and price, obtaining a large share of our customers.

Should we lower the quality of our product in order to be competitive?

Quality is one of our brand's most well-known characteristics...

But who managed to copy our product in such detail?

We surely have to find out.



Mystery 12

It seems that all of our social media has been hacked.

Adding to this, hackers are publishing fake reviews and posts about our raw materials and our products' quality in general. We have lost a serious amount of our followers and received numerous complaint messages as well.

It is the first time in my marketing career that I am facing such an issue. We have already contacted the cyber police...

But this is not enough, I have to restore our brand's reputation.

Who on earth is behind this disaster?



Mystery 13

What a misfortune...

It has been over a month that we keep repairing the field's fence daily. It seems that we have overnight intruders, most probably some wild animals living nearby.

I am a relatively small farmer and I cannot afford to do this anymore. The intruders constantly destroy my yield and I do not know what to do. I am desperate...

Shall I hire a security guard to figure out what is happening?



Mystery 14

A severe snowstorm is forecast for the next few days... Did this have to be now? This is the time of the year that I collect the crops and distribute them in our warehouses.

I rushed into the fields to collect as many crops as I could but when I entered the main warehouse, I saw that all the stored crops had been scattered, perhaps by some intruding animals.

But time is running out and I must collect as many crops as possible to save them from the upcoming snowstorm and frostbite. Surprisingly, workers from nearby farms offered to help me.

Are their intentions good, though?



Solutions of the mysteries

Mystery 1 - Solution 1

Our supplier is old enough and does not keep up with finance-related news as frequently as needed. A group of other suppliers, who are aware of this, decided to scare him saying that the banks would fail and that he would lose all his fortune. As a result, our supplier withdrew all his investments from his bank accounts and, not knowing where to hide the money, placed it in a freezer and loaded it onto a truck. The group of suppliers followed him, spotted the hidden treasure and convinced one of his employees to occupy him while they stole all his money. The next day he went bankrupt because he had no money left.

Mystery 1 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 2 - Solution 2

As we were gathered together for the announcement of the competition's results, it seemed to me that our mentor had come to talk to our boss. That could not be her since she declined the invitation claiming that she had another appointment. The results were announced and we were the winners! Returning to the office the next day, we immediately announced this news to our boss. He laughed, saying that he was the secret investor trying to increase our work motivation. According to him, we already were a strong team, and he certainly would not lose the money he invested.

Mystery 2 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 3 - Solution 3

I was working late at night when I heard strange sounds from my tablet. Some strange lines appeared on its screen, too.

At first, I thought it was a cyber attack. Then, I decided to inspect our fields in case something was happening there. All of a sudden, I noticed something moving and rushed to check what it was.

A goat from a nearby farm tried to cross the fence and enter the field. It was constantly shaking the sensors, causing the noises I saw previously.

Mystery 3 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 4 - Solution 4

He finally admitted it!

One of our farmers was careless, and dropped his safety shoe inside the tank. He tried to unscrew the pipe in order to remove the show, but he didn't calculate the very high pressure of the wastewater flowing through the pipe.

So, he left without saying anything and caused the larger leakage of wastewater.

Mystery 4 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 5 - Solution 5

In the end, the previous owner of the tractor had damaged it as he regretted selling the tractor. When arrested, he exclaimed "If I cannot own it, no one should be able to work with it".

So in order not to suspect him, he also stole some other goods so we would think it was just a robbery.

Mystery 5 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 6 - Solution 6

After we placed the supports, we found out that the reptiles could not climb them. All of a sudden, I recalled having seen similar serpents before at the local zoo. I rushed to the zoo, and the cages were empty. Oh, now I understand what happened. The cages were not locked properly and the serpents had escaped.

The zoo manager did not admit anything, as he was sure that the reptiles would survive in nature without causing any trouble. However, they caused a lot of damage to many nearby farms, affecting the local ecosystems.

Mystery 6 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 7 - Solution 7

In the end, it was all a big misunderstanding. The majority of the workers in our farm are relatives and wanted to attend the wedding of the youngest member of the family, asking for a day off. A few days later, the managers agreed to this request. But on very short notice, they decided to cancel it. So all the farm workers decided not to talk to the managers at all. Fortunately, I saw the note in time and after speaking with a worker, I realized what was going on and arranged for many of them to get a day off. When they returned, they were in high spirits, and had forgiven their managers.

Mystery 7 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 8 - Solution 8

After much research, I understood what was happening to John. He is my cousin, my uncle's biological child, of whom he was not aware and had never met before.

He decided to appear now and claim his inheritance. At first, there were some misunderstandings since he regarded us as greedy heirs. But, in the end, he realized we were here to welcome him.

Mystery 8 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 9 - Solution 9

I had to understand earlier that my supposed friend had stolen my presentation for the upcoming agrofair! He always dreamt to launch a start-up too, but he was recently thinking of quitting his effort. Unfortunately, he managed to find out about my appointment, arrived earlier on the spot and presented my own idea. But as it turned out, he could not support the business plan effectively, and no one wanted to cooperate with him. Luckily, an investor actually realized what happened and said he would invest in a joint venture because, despite what happened, our business plan was well-researched and very promising.

Mystery 9 Solution

Most Relevant Clues

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Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 10 - Solution 10

As I walked into the warehouse, I saw the dog holding our insurance contract in his mouth. Fortunately, they were not torn apart and I was able to deposit them.

I also noticed that our supplies were in good condition, and we are able to cover a few orders until the weather would improve again.

Mystery 10 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 11 - Solution 11

After all, the competing firm sent a "spy" to work with us and inform them about all our new ideas. Our new assistant was to blame.

Fortunately, we discovered her actions quickly. We were able to take legal action and did not have to lower the prices of our new products and did not lose any profits.

Mystery 11 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 12 - Solution 12

Eventually, cyber crime police officers managed to detect a suspicious IP address that was logging into our computer.

They also found out that it was linked to the same account that consistently was provided negative feedback for our products.

Afterwards, we realized that this was an old employee of ours, who was hired now by a rival company urging him to harm us.

Mystery 12 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 13 - Solution 13

The security guard employed to watch over the field explained to us what happened.

The unknown intruders were not wild animals but rather animals from a neighbouring farm that managed to cross the fence without damaging it too much.

Their owner had not fed them enough, so they would repeatedly come into our field to eat the plants and then return to their farm.

Mystery 13 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



Mystery 14 - Solution 14

The workers who showed up to help us had good intentions.

Some years ago, I had volunteered to help them too by allowing them to store their goods in our refrigerator in my warehouse. I did not remember this, and I was hesitant at first.

They only wanted to reciprocate the help they had received from me.

When they found out we might not be able to gather all our yield, they happily volunteered to help me back.

Mystery 14 Solution

Most Relevant Clues



Less Relevant Clues



Least Relevant Clues



