FREE SAMPLE · DOOR 1

THE KILLER BOOKED A SLEEPER

This is door 1 of the calendar, free to print. The card tells the story that opens the case. Its clue is a practice clue instead of the real one, so the sample gives nothing of the case away.

Print the pages, read the clue on the card, and cross out every passenger in the practice register it rules out. The answer is printed upside down at the foot of the card.

HOW TO PLAY

On Christmas morning 1957 the night conductor of the Midwinter Sleeper was found dead in the guard's van. His notebook says that one passenger on the December runs travelled under a name that was not theirs.

The register lists every passenger of the 24 runs. Each night you open one door. Its clue rules out some of the passengers: cross them out in the register. After door 24 one passenger is left, the name the killer booked under.

Each door card prints how many passengers your register should have left before that door. If your count is off, go back a door before you go on.

THE CLUE GUIDE

Read each clue as a rule about the register's columns. A clue that says the killer did not board at Eastgate rules out every passenger whose Boarded column says Eastgate.

Some clues ask you to work something out from a column. The berth H-14 is in car H, berth 14; even berths are upper berths. A ticket's check total is its five digits added up: 52310 gives 5 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 0 = 11.

Only cross out passengers the clue rules out. A passenger the clue says nothing about stays in.

The full calendar has all 24 doors and a register of 1,000 or 4,000 passengers: riddleportal.com/murder-mystery-advent-calendar

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DOOR

GUARD'S REPORT, GLEN CORRAN, DECEMBER 25

06:40. Found Mr. Owen Pell, night conductor, dead in my van after the Christmas Eve run. His notebook was in his coat. The last line reads: "One of them is not who the ticket says."

H. Moss, guard.

PRACTICE CLUE

This one is for practice and has nothing to do with the case. Harold Moss found a black umbrella in a sleeping car after the run. Tommy Birch remembers whose it was: the owner had an upper berth and ate in the first dinner sitting.

NOTES

PASSENGERS LEFT _____

ANSWER: 9 LEFT

Ticket	Passenger (surname, first name)	Night	Boarded	Berth	Dining	Luggage
30967	Whyte, Ida	Dec 6	Wexley Junction	B-13	None	Bicycle
31078	Forbes, Peggy	Dec 15	Kingsmere Junction	B-4	None	Trunk
31222	Wallace, George	Dec 20	Fellside	D-13	First	Two cases
31388	Menzies, Peter	Dec 15	Wexley Junction	F-7	Second	Two cases
31498	Hogg, Arthur	Dec 22	Eastgate	M-12	None	Trunk
32495	Gow, Sarah	Dec 18	Eastgate	C-13	First	Hand
32763	Todd, Duncan	Dec 14	Kingsmere Junction	A-18	None	Hand
33044	Somerville, Dorothy	Dec 14	Eastgate	A-9	First	Two cases
33556	Bolton, Wilfred	Dec 17	Eastgate	H-11	Second	Two cases
34677	Cooper, Horace	Dec 11	Aldbury	B-6	Second	Two cases
35870	Maxwell, Sybil	Dec 14	Aldbury	E-6	First	Hand
36238	Gillespie, Eileen	Dec 16	Harrowfield	C-19	Second	One case
37080	Clark, Herbert	Dec 22	Kingsmere Junction	E-17	Second	One case
37948	Robertson, Gilbert	Dec 12	Fellside	C-13	Second	Hand
38011	Duff, Gwen	Dec 23	Wexley Junction	C-6	Second	One case
38320	Reid, Sarah	Dec 22	Eastgate	M-3	First	Two cases
38529	Blair, Beatrice	Dec 7	Corrie Bridge	C-15	Second	One case
38633	Smart, Violet	Dec 6	Eastgate	G-23	First	Two cases
38900	Fraser, Rosemary	Dec 24	Eastgate	M-11	None	Two cases
39078	Barclay, Agnes	Dec 10	Eastgate	L-19	None	Hand
39301	Paton, Clifford	Dec 1	Dunmorrow	B-16	None	One case
39303	Dunbar, Frank	Dec 18	Eastgate	C-11	Second	One case
41206	Carter, Hector	Dec 10	Eastgate	F-13	First	One case
41218	Chapman, Charles	Dec 20	Eastgate	B-5	None	One case
41597	Lawson, Margaret	Dec 13	Kingsmere Junction	J-1	First	One case
44193	Clarke, Edna	Dec 17	Eastgate	M-17	First	One case
46012	Bell, Victor	Dec 12	Kingsmere Junction	D-20	First	One case
46791	Waddell, Beatrice	Dec 14	Aldbury	L-11	None	One case
47814	Knox, Horace	Dec 8	Corrie Bridge	F-12	First	One case
48326	Grieve, Mabel	Dec 20	Kingsmere Junction	L-19	None	Bicycle
48849	Simpson, Jessie	Dec 1	Eastgate	E-14	Second	Hand
49196	Hope, Isabel	Dec 5	Wexley Junction	C-12	None	One case
49461	Murray, Kenneth	Dec 13	Wexley Junction	A-3	None	One case
49496	Hall, Joan	Dec 2	Eastgate	H-2	First	Trunk
49634	Aitken, Alison	Dec 10	Aldbury	H-3	Second	Two cases
50773	Baird, Dennis	Dec 19	Wexley Junction	E-24	Second	Trunk
50842	Howie, Ian	Dec 9	Harrowfield	K-20	First	Hand
52293	Logan, Janet	Dec 13	Eastgate	F-21	First	One case

Ticket	Passenger (surname, first name)	Night	Boarded	Berth	Dining	Luggage
54533	Chalmers, Alfred	Dec 12	Aldbury	G-2	First	Hand
55905	Douglas, Robert	Dec 8	Aldbury	A-10	Second	Two cases
56736	Little, Basil	Dec 2	Wexley Junction	M-8	First	One case
56972	Kerr, Helen	Dec 9	Harrowfield	L-17	None	One case
57458	Bowman, Oliver	Dec 21	Harrowfield	H-3	Second	Two cases
58579	Mackenzie, Muriel	Dec 21	Eastgate	L-18	Second	Bicycle
58644	Fairbairn, Ann	Dec 19	Eastgate	H-17	Second	One case
59625	Glen, Oliver	Dec 9	Dunmorrow	F-17	Second	Two cases
59821	Paton, Henry	Dec 4	Eastgate	J-17	Second	Hand
60208	Anderson, Lawrence	Dec 17	Harrowfield	M-11	Second	Hand
61195	Harris, Ann	Dec 18	Eastgate	A-7	First	Hand
61599	Cairns, Nora	Dec 21	Harrowfield	J-15	Second	Two cases
62166	Clarke, Pamela	Dec 11	Kingsmere Junction	L-7	None	Hand
62310	Armstrong, Freda	Dec 3	Fellside	M-5	First	One case
63918	Thomson, Cecil	Dec 21	Eastgate	C-3	Second	One case
63954	Harvey, Ada	Dec 22	Dunmorrow	J-19	Second	Hand
64273	Dawson, Stanley	Dec 22	Fellside	F-4	Second	Two cases
66874	Dickson, Harold	Dec 8	Eastgate	M-14	First	Trunk
68497	Hardie, Patricia	Dec 10	Kingsmere Junction	E-2	None	One case
69078	Gow, Beatrice	Dec 20	Dunmorrow	E-1	First	One case
69653	Barker, Roderick	Dec 20	Corrie Bridge	D-14	First	One case
69664	Menzies, Margaret	Dec 3	Fellside	M-23	First	Two cases