

Handwriting Analysis

A person's handwriting contains many individual characteristics and is reasonably unique. You will need to analyse handwriting samples taken from each of the suspects and also the crime scene using the follow information. Analyse for the size of the writing, height and width of letters all equal or some particular letters larger. Next look at the slope of the letter, do this by lightly ruling a line through each letter in the same direction as the slant of that sample. Another characteristic is the spacing between the letters in a work and between a word, cover the sample with tracing paper and draw lines between the end of each letter and the start of the next to indicate the size of the space. The pressure that is applied when writing may also help look at the back of the page to see wether it shows through or not. Don't forget to examine the overall style for any unusual features such as the dotting of the "i" or the crossing of the "t". In the table below write a brief description about each handwriting sample including the information requested above, remember you must be able to tell the rest of the class about each sample, the crime scene and who is guilty.

Sample	Notes	Match or Not
Suspect 1 Barry Hardingham		
S2 Geoff Blake		
S3 Mike Beach		
Crime scene sample		