



THE SHERLOCK FILES

Q System is a cooperative game system which introduces you to a mystery that needs to be solved in a group or alone.

Beginning with a short introduction and the first card, players will be detectives investigating a case. Following a few simple rules, you need to analyze the clues, discuss your theories, and use your powers of deduction in order to solve the mystery.

In the Sherlock Files Series, you will measure your score against the great detective. Will you measure up to him or to Lestrade?

Each case is unique and unrepeatable, and therefore, it can only be played once.

But, don't worry! If you want to put it to good use, let a group of friends play it while you watch them. Watching others play is just as fun as solving the case yourself.

Follow the setup on the first card of the deck (the one with the QR code).

In order to solve the case, it is crucial to share information. You cannot show the cards in your hand to other players, but you can read out loud and discuss the underlined text or the text framed inside the image below.



The clues you have revealed so far are public and everyone can read them. You can share your theories with the group and talk about the cards on the table at any moment.

Before playing the first card, it may be a good idea to share the information you have in your hand and choose an initial player.

The game is played in clockwise turn order, one player at a time, until all cards have been revealed or discarded. During their turn, each player performs one of the following actions:

a) Reveal information: Choose a card from your hand and place it on the table so everyone can see all the information. In that moment, it is recommended to read it out loud. If you place a card that turns out to be irrelevant to the case, this will take away 1 point at the end of the game. But be careful with the cards you discard, some clues are essential to solve the case!

b) Discard information: Choose a card from your hand and place it face down in the discard pile. You cannot talk about that clue anymore until all cards have been played.

IMPORTANT: At the end of the game, the discard pile must have at least 6 cards. If not, you fail to solve the case and the game ends.

At the end of your turn, draw one card from the deck until it runs out of cards.

When all cards have been revealed or discarded, players check all the information on the table and together set out a theory of what happened. During this phase of the game, you can talk freely about the discarded clues and the things you remember.

Finally, when the group can provide an explanation to the case, open the questionnaire and answer the questions. Once you have answered all questions, open the booklet completely, check the results of your answers, and take away one point for every irrelevant card revealed. The result is your final score.

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