

Murder

This is a great indoor game. Place in a hat the same number of slips of paper as there are players. One of these slips of paper has the word "detective" written on it, and another has the word "murderer" on it. The rest of them are blank. Everyone draws a slip of paper from the hat. Whoever drew the word "detective" announces themselves, and it is their job to try to locate the murderer, who remains silent.

The detective leaves the room, and the lights are turned off. While all the players mill about the room, the "murderer" silently slips up behind someone and very quietly whispers, "You're dead," in his or her ear. The victim counts to three, screams and falls to the floor. The lights are turned on and the detective reenters the room. They then may question the players for one minute or so and try to guess the identity of the murderer. If they are correct, the murderer becomes the detective, and a new murderer is selected (by passing out the slips again). During the questioning, only the murderer may lie. All others must tell the truth about anything they saw.

