



## Identify Yourself

☐ Mad Scientist ☐ Lab Girl ☐ Lab Guy ☐ Lab Rat ☐ Super Sleuth ☐ Corpse Specialist ☐ Good looking Investigator ☐ The Cool Detective ☐ Suspect

Name:

Date:

☐ Tick if forensic evidence is attached

► Today you will be taking your own prints and comparing them to the loop, whorl and arch.

► You will need:

- 10 small pieces (5 cm) sticky tape
- a lead pencil
- scrap paper

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Line up the pieces of tape along the edge of your desk ready for use.
2. Rub the pencil on the scrap paper to form a large grey smudge.
3. Press the end of your right thumb into the smudge and roll it till it turns grey.
4. Place a piece of tape on your thumb and then gently peel it off. You should see a finger print.
5. Stick the tape plus print into the correct box below.
6. Take prints from the rest of your fingers. You may need to colour in the smudge between prints.
7. Wash your hands using soap.
8. Identify and label each print as a loop, arch or whorl.

My Right Hand				
THUMB	FIRST FINGER	SECOND FINGER	THIRD FINGER	FOURTH FINGER
TYPE:	TYPE:	TYPE:	TYPE:	TYPE:

  

My Left Hand				
THUMB	FIRST FINGER	SECOND FINGER	THIRD FINGER	FOURTH FINGER
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**FINGERPRINT CARD**

## Something to think about ...

- Use the back of this sheet to write your responses to the questions below.
- Do identical twins have different prints?
  - Should everyone's prints be kept on file to make it easier for criminals to be caught in the future?
  - Why do some dogs have their nose prints taken?

