Using videos of real witnesses and from cameras that go behind the scenes of a police investigation, this course explores the psychology of eyewitness testimony. Learners get the chance to test their cognitive skills and to see whether their powers of investigation are as good as a crack squad of police officers, as they try to solve a crime using nothing but evidence from eyewitnesses.

The course follows two fictional detectives:
• DI Bullet values the experience he has gained and is wary of attending training courses and learning new techniques. He always trusts his hunches.
• DS Sund values her training as a detective and is always keen to attend new training events and learn new evidence based investigative techniques.

The techniques used by DS Sund are based on the UK investigative manual, whilst those used by DI Bullet are based on crime fiction.

The course explores investigative techniques for gaining evidence from witnesses, and explores the psychology behind interviewing, visual identification and witness memory and perception.

The course is free, and available at:
www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/forensic-psychology/content-section-overview
www.futurelearn.com/courses/forensic-psychology