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Instruction Manual: The Key - Sabotage at Lucky Llama Land

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Introduction

Welcome to The Key: Sabotage at Lucky Llama Land! This simultaneous deduction game challenges 1-4 players, aged 8 and up, to solve a thrilling mystery. An attraction at Lucky Llama Land has been sabotaged, and it's up to you, the investigators, to piece together the clues and identify the culprits. The game offers a unique experience with multiple cases to solve, ensuring high replayability. Work together or compete to be the most efficient detective!

Safety Information

Warning: Not suitable for children under 3 years. Contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard.

What's in the Box

Before you begin, please verify that all components are present:

- 4 Briefcase Screens
- 4 Dry-Erase Markers with Erasers
- 4 Investigation Files
- 9 Wooden Keys (various colors)
- 1 Solution Board
- 140 Cards: 86 Witness Statements and 54 Lab Cards



Image: All game components, including briefcase screens, markers, investigation files, wooden keys, solution board, and various clue cards.

If any components are missing or damaged, please contact HABA customer support.

Setup

1. Initial Game Setup

1. Place the main game box or a designated area in the center of the playing space.
2. Shuffle all 140 clue cards (Witness Statements and Lab Cards) together and place them face down in a draw pile accessible to all players.
3. Place the Solution Board within reach of all players.
4. Randomly select one of the 9 wooden keys and insert it into the corresponding slot on the Solution Board. This key represents the correct solution for the current game. Keep this key hidden from players until the end of the game.

2. Player Setup

1. Each player takes one Briefcase Screen, one Dry-Erase Marker with an eraser, and one Investigation File.
2. Players set up their Briefcase Screen in front of them to conceal their Investigation File and any collected clues from other players.
3. Players should familiarize themselves with their Investigation File, which contains information about the suspects, crime days, weapons, and crime scenes.



Image: Players setting up their individual briefcase screens and preparing their investigation files.

How to Play

Game Objective

The goal of The Key: Sabotage at Lucky Llama Land is to be the first player to correctly identify the three saboteurs, the days they committed their acts, the tools they used, and the specific locations they sabotaged. The winner is the player who solves the case using the least amount of clues (indicated by the point values on the clue cards).

Gameplay Overview

Players simultaneously draw clue cards from the central pile. Each card provides a piece of information that helps

narrow down the possibilities for the crime. Players use their dry-erase markers to mark off suspects, days, weapons, and locations on their Investigation File based on the clues they gather. The game continues until a player believes they have solved the case.

Taking a Turn (Simultaneous Play)

There are no traditional turns in The Key. All players play simultaneously:

1. Players continuously draw clue cards from the central pile.
2. Once a player draws a card, they immediately analyze the information it provides.
3. Using their dry-erase marker, players cross out or confirm information on their Investigation File based on the clue.
4. Players continue drawing and analyzing cards until they feel confident they have enough information to solve the case.



Image: A player selecting a clue card from the central draw pile.

Using Clues

Clue cards come in two main types: Witness Statements and Lab Cards. Each card provides specific information

that helps eliminate possibilities or confirm facts about the crime. Some clues may require careful deduction or comparison with other clues. For example, a lab card might show a specific shoe print, which can be matched to a suspect's known shoe size on your investigation file.



Image: A detailed view of a clue card, illustrating how information about tools or locations is presented.



Image: An investigator marking their findings on the investigation file using the dry-erase marker.

Video: A demonstration of gameplay for The Key series, showing how players interact with the game components to solve crimes. This video highlights the simultaneous play and deduction process.

Solving the Case

Once you believe you have identified the three saboteurs, their crime days, weapons, and locations, you will form a unique three-digit code. This code is derived from the specific combination of your deductions. To check your solution, you will use one of the wooden keys and the Solution Board.



Image: The unique key code mechanism on the solution board, where players insert a wooden key to verify their deductions.

Winning the Game

The first player to correctly identify the solution and verify it with the hidden key on the Solution Board wins the round. However, the ultimate winner is the player who solves the case using the fewest clue points. Each clue card has a point value, and the player with the lowest total points for their successful deduction is declared the master detective!

Care and Storage

To ensure the longevity of your HABA The Key game, please follow these care instructions:

- Store all game components in the original box when not in use to prevent loss or damage.
- Keep the game away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent warping or fading of components.
- Wipe plastic and wooden components with a dry or slightly damp cloth if they become dirty. Do not immerse in water.
- Ensure dry-erase markers are capped tightly after each use to prevent them from drying out.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents on any game parts.

Troubleshooting

Common Questions

- **Q: The dry-erase marker isn't erasing cleanly.**
  A: Ensure you are using the eraser on the marker cap or a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn marks, a very slightly damp cloth can be used, but ensure the surface is dry before storing.

- **Q: We're having trouble understanding a specific clue card.**
  A: Refer to the detailed rules manual provided with the game for specific interpretations of clue card symbols and types. Sometimes, discussing the clue with other players can help clarify its meaning.
- **Q: The game feels too difficult/easy.**
  A: The game offers a solo variant which can help players familiarize themselves with the components and investigative methods without time pressure. For a more challenging experience, try to solve the case with fewer clues.
- **Q: What if we run out of cases?**
  A: While there are 9 unique solutions, the game is designed for high replayability as the combination of clue cards drawn will differ each time. You can also challenge yourselves to solve cases with different strategies or aim for lower clue point totals.

Product Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	8.4 x 2.16 x 10.5 inches
Item Weight	1.54 pounds
ASIN	B08NZ4Q3RB
Item Model Number	305940
Manufacturer Recommended Age	8 years and up
Language	English
Manufacturer	HABA

Warranty Information

HABA products are manufactured with high-quality materials and undergo rigorous testing to meet safety standards. For specific warranty details regarding your HABA The Key game, please refer to the warranty information included in the product packaging or visit the official HABA website. General warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects.

Customer Support

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