

**SHERLOCK, I AM STILL CONFUSED...  
HOW DID YOU SOLVE THE CHALK  
ERASER DISAPPEARANCE MYSTERY ?**



**EASY... I HAPPENED TO NOTICE THE THIEF HAD ACCIDENTALLY PRESSED HIS RIGHT THUMB INTO THE CHALK DUST, INADVERTANTLY CREATING A THUMB MARK IN THE DUST.**



I THEN ASKED EACH STUDENT TO PRESS THEIR RIGHT THUMB INTO A COATING OF CHALK DUST I HAD SPREAD OVER A LAB TABLE... THIS SYSTEM OF COMPARISON IS NOW BEING USED IN INDIA.



**OF COURSE, WE HAD TO CONDUCT THE TEST TWICE... JUST AS WE FINISHED, STAMFORD VIOLENTLY SNEEZED, WIPING THE TABLE CLEAN AND CREATING A LONDON FOG INDOORS...**

**HE CLAIMED TO BE ALLERGIC TO CHALK DUST.**



**EACH PERSON'S MARK APPEARS TO BE UNIQUE,  
SO IT WAS EASY TO MATCH UP THE PRINTS.  
ONCE I IDENTIFIED THE THIEF, HE STATED THE  
ENTIRE ESCAPADE WAS A PRANK AGAINST THE  
TEACHER, SO HE ESCAPED ANY SERIOUS  
REPERCUSSIONS.**



UNIQUE FINGER MARKS... NEXT YOU WILL  
BE CONVINCING US OTHER BODY PARTS,  
SUCH AS OUR EARS, ARE ALSO UNIQUE.

hmmm... THERE  
MIGHT BE ANOTHER  
MONOGRAPH.

