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Brooklyn 99 is a popular American comedy series that follows a team of detectives at the 99th police precinct in Brooklyn, New York. The main character, Jake Peralta, is a talented but childish detective who often solves serious crimes in very unusual and funny ways.

In one of the most famous scenes of the show, Detective Jake is investigating a **murder case**. A woman comes to the police station and says that she is the **witness** to her brother's murder. However, she didn't see the **killer's face**. The only thing she remembers is the man's **voice**.



To help the witness, Jake organizes a **police lineup** with five **suspects**. The suspects must say or do something while the witness watches them from behind a **one-way mirror**. But since the witness only heard the killer speak, Jake asks each man to sing the same song. And not just any song — he chooses *"I Want It That Way"* by the Backstreet Boys.

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One by one, the suspects start singing the lyrics of the song. At first, it seems silly. But soon, they all join in, and surprisingly, they sound really good together. Jake gets caught up in the moment and starts singing along with them, enjoying the harmony and the nostalgia of the song.

Suddenly, right after the fifth suspect sings his line, the witness points and says:

"Number five. That's the guy. He killed my brother."

There is a moment of silence. Jake, a bit embarrassed for getting distracted, replies:

"Oh right, yeah… I totally forgot about the murder."

This scene became viral because it mixes humor with a serious situation. It shows how creative and untraditional Detective Jake can be when solving a case.





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1. **Match the words on the left with their correct definitions on the right. Write the correct letter next to each word.**

1. Suspect	A. Identifying someone by their voice.
2. Witness	B. A mirror used so the witness can see the suspects, but not the other way around.
3. Lineup	C. Someone who saw or heard the crime.
4. Voice recognition	D. The act of killing someone intentionally.
5. Murder	E. When suspects stand in a row to be identified.
6. One-way mirror	F. A person believed to be involved in a crime.

2. **Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box. There is one correct answer for each sentence.**

witness **suspect** **lineup** **murder** **precinct** **voice**

recognize **mirror**

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1. Jake works as a detective at the 99th police _____ in New York.

2. The only thing the _____ remembered was the killer's voice.

3. The man was a main _____ in the case because he had no alibi.

4. The detectives used a one-way _____ so the suspects couldn't see the witness.

5. The police organized a _____ to help identify the killer.

6. The woman was able to _____ the voice of the man who killed her brother.

7. Jake asked the suspects to sing because the woman could only remember the _____.

8. The case was serious because it involved a _____.



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