

READING

1) Read the text and write T (true) or F (false) in the sentences below.

Sherlock Holmes



Sherlock Holmes is a fictional detective of the late 19th and early 20th century, created by British author and physician Arthur Conan Doyle. He is famous for his prowess at using logic and careful observation to solve cases.

Holmes was said to have lived at 221B Baker Street, London (an upper-storey flat at 221 Baker Street; in early notes it was described as Upper Baker Street), where he spent many of his professional years with his friend and colleague Dr. Watson while the residence was maintained by Mrs. Hudson.

Sherlock Holmes describes himself as a "consulting detective", which means that he is brought into cases that have proven too difficult for other investigators; we are told that he is often able to solve a problem without leaving home (although this aspect is somewhat lost in the stories themselves, which focus on the more interesting cases which often do require him to do actual legwork). He specializes in solving unusual cases using his extraordinary powers of observation and "deduction".

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle credits the inception of Holmes on his teacher at the medical school of Edinburgh University, the gifted surgeon and forensic detective Joseph Bell, forensic science being a new type of science at the time. However, some years later Bell wrote to Conan Doyle: "you are yourself Sherlock Holmes and well you know it" (Baring-Gould, p. 8). The 'Sherlock Holmes' name was derived from a pair of cricketers – however some early notes give his name as Sherrinford Holmes.

It is a popular myth that Sherlock Holmes gave rise to the entire genre of murder mystery fiction; in reality, the detective genre was alive before Holmes, if not one which followed a logical progression to the solution. Many fictional detectives have imitated Holmes' logical methods and followed in his footsteps, in many different ways.

Some of the more popular fictional detectives to continue Holmes' legacy include Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, Ellery Queen, Perry Mason, Columbo, Dick Tracy, and even the comic book superhero Batman. Modern variants might be the NBC series TV show Law and Order: Criminal Intent and the USA Networks show Monk. Monk even replicates the Holmesian style of "quiet analysis", during which no one speaks to the character while he works. Also, Monk has an older brother, who, like Holmes, is a bit more able but less interested in crime.

- a) Sherlock Holmes is a real person that lived at 221B Baker Street.
- b) The residence was maintained by Dr. Watson.
- c) He's usually called to solve difficult cases.
- d) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said he created the character based on one of his teachers.
- e) Holmes usually solves the crimes using fingerprint powder and analysing the crime scene.
- f) Sherlock Holmes gave rise to murder mystery fiction.
- g) Hercule Poirot was created before Sherlock Holmes.

2) Read the sentences and complete them with words from the box below.

fine	burglar	vandals	judge	law
prison		lawyer		shoplifting

- a) A broke into our house while we were on holidays.
- b) The police caught three when they were damaging public property.
Now they have to pay a
- c) A woman was accused of when she was trying on a necklace.
- d) A condemned the bank robbers to seven years of
- e) The death penalty is against the

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

3) Match the negative form of the adjectives below with the definitions.

Correct	happy	legal	usual	polite	interesting	intelligent
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- a) : silly
- b) : not normal
- c) : not right
- d) : sad
- e) : rude
- f) : boring
- g) : against the law

4) Passive voice. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a) My purse (steal) by a pickpocket last week.
- b) Sometimes ordinary people (ask) to help the police with information.
- c) When (your car/steal)?
- d) Sherlock Holmes (write) by Arthur Conan Doyle.
- e) Christmas (celebrate) each year.

5) Order the word to make sentences.

- a) get / your eyes / you / should / tested / regularly
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- a) last week / had / my house / painted / I
.....
- b) often / how / cleaned / the windows / you / do / get / ?
.....
- c) the sofa / can / you / delivered / have / to your house
.....
- d) getting / dress / a / she's / for her wedding / made
.....

6) Read the sentences and choose the correct option.

- a) The police caught the witness / suspect because he stole the same shop twice.
- b) A detective usually looks for clues / magnifying glass in the crime scene.
- c) The robbers managed to trip / scape through the window.
- d) The police jumped / chased the thieves down the street.
- e) She was hurt because someone pulled / pushed her down the stairs.
- f) A witness is usually interviewed / chased by the police.
- g) The police is solving / searching the area.

WRITING

7) Write an email to your friend telling him/her about a crime you saw or that happened to you. Use the following questions to guide you.

- **When did it happen?**
- **What did the thief/thieves steal?**
- **How many were the thieves?**
- **Did the police catch them?**
- **Was there somebody injured?**