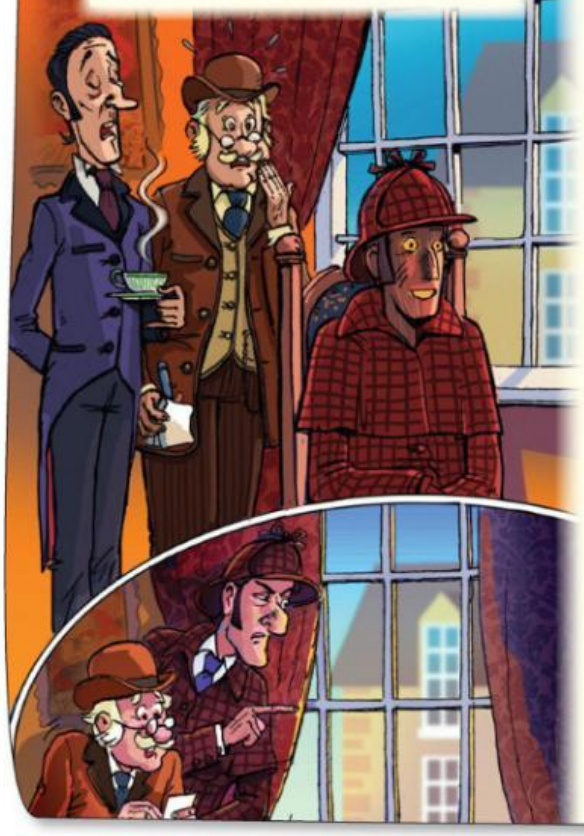
Reading

1 Look at the pictures. Who do you think the characters are?

2 Listen and read. 16

The Crown Diamond
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Characters:
Sherlock Holmes – a detective
Dr Watson – Holmes's friend
Billy – Holmes's servant
Sebastian Moran – a criminal
Sam Merton – Moran's friend



Scene 1 *A room with a large window. There is a curtain across the window.*

(*Enter Watson and Billy.*)

Watson When will Holmes be back, Billy?

Billy I don't know, sir. He's very busy. He's trying to find the Crown Diamond.

Watson Oh, yes. It was stolen in the robbery last week.

Billy That's right, sir.

(*Watson pulls back the curtain. A model of Holmes is in a chair by the window.*)

Watson What's this?

Billy Holmes wants people to think he is at home when he isn't.

Watson Why?

(*Enter Holmes.*)

Holmes Because a man is trying to attack me, Watson.

Watson Who?

Holmes Sebastian Moran. Write it down, Watson!

(*A doorbell rings. Billy exits.*)

Watson (*Writing in his notebook.*) Why don't you tell the police?

Holmes Because I haven't found out where the diamond is yet. Moran stole it and a man called Sam Merton helped him.

(*Enter Billy.*)

Billy Sebastian Moran is here, sir.

Holmes Good! (*Looks out of the window.*) And Sam Merton is outside.

Watson This is dangerous. I'll stay with you, Holmes.

Holmes No, Watson. (*Writes a note.*) Take this note to the police. They will come and arrest Moran. But before they get here, I will find out where the diamond is.

3 Read again and write *True* or *False*.

1 Holmes is looking for a diamond. True
2 There is a model of Watson by the window. _____
3 A man is trying to attack Watson. _____
4 Moran stole the diamond. _____
5 Moran is in the street outside Holmes's house. _____
6 Holmes wants Watson to go to the police. _____

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