Crime stories have always grabbed our attention. As media developed, crime stories adapted from books and magazines onto the stage, films, TV series and even into video games. Why are detective stories so popular? Psychologists say that people like solving puzzles that's why they like reading or watching detective stories.

One of the most popular characters in detective stories is Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock is a fictional character created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Conan Doyle wrote 62 stories about Sherlock Holmes, his friend Doctor Watson and how they conducted investigations. But these characters appeared not only in Conan Doyle's stories. There were other writers who tried to continue the stories. Moreover, Sherlock Holmes has been in 226 films.

Many of Sherlock Holmes stories take place in Victorian England. The technology of that time was not very well developed, so Sherlock had very few tools for his investigations. A magnifying glass to look for fingerprints and footprints was his only tool. Nevertheless, Sherlock used very effective methods and had specific skills, such as deductive method, analytical skills and knowledge of science.

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Exercise 3

Read the text in exercise 2 again and answer the questions.

1. Psychologists say that people like detective stories because

a. they like solving puzzles. **b.** they like Victorian England.

c. they like criminals. **d.** they like Sherlock Holmes.

2. Who is Sherlock Holmes?

a. a real detective. **b.** a famous criminal.

c. a character of stories. **d.** a writer.

3. Who is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

a. a real detective. **b.** a famous criminal.

c. a character of stories. **d.** a writer.

4. Sherlock Holmes has been in more than 226

a. countries. **b.** films.

c. books. **d.** crimes.

5. Where do Sherlock Holmes stories take place?

a. In Russia. **b.** In America.

c. In France. **d.** In England.

6. Sherlock didn't have

a. a friend. **b.** many instruments for investigations.

c. analytical skills. **d.** a magnifying glass.

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