



Reading 8

The Formula behind Detective Stories on TV



Name: _____
 Class: _____

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

1 General Questions

Answer the questions.



1

(Paragraph 1)

Why are detective stories popular in TV films and series?

2

(Paragraph 2)

What are some elements that might explain the success of detective stories?

3

(Paragraph 4)

What are the characteristics of the detective in the story?

4

(Paragraph 6)

What happens when the detective is captured?

2

True or False

Read the statements and write T (True) or F (False).

TOP SECRET

1

(Paragraph 1)

The mystery and intrigue keep viewers interested in detective stories.

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2

(Paragraph 3)

The TV audience usually knows the plot and can predict what will happen.

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3

(Paragraph 5)

The villain is always revealed at the beginning of the story.

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4

(Paragraph 2)

The success of detective stories is only because of the action and adventure.

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3

Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

formula gadgets confront altered captivating clues villain exotic

1

(Paragraph 1)

Detective stories are popular because the mystery and intrigue are _____.

2

(Paragraph 3)

The audience knows the hero will _____ dangerous villains.

3

(Paragraph 5)

Detectives use special skills and technological _____ to help them solve the crime.

4

(Paragraph 6)

The formula for detective stories is so successful that it is hard to imagine it will ever be significantly _____.

