

## LISTENING

Listen to a girl talking about a detective series and answer the question.



Which city is the Rebus series set in?

- Manchester
- Glasgow
- Edinburgh

Listen again. Are the statements true (T), false (F) or is the information not mentioned (NM)?



1. The name of the inspector in the books is Ian Rankin.
2. We learn some things that visitors to Edinburgh don't know.
3. Rebus is popular with his colleagues.
4. The inspector is a neat and tidy man.
5. Ger Rafferty is a policeman.
6. The inspector is a young man.
7. Rebus committed some crimes himself in the past.
8. The author is writing more books about the inspector.

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## READING



Perhaps the most famous writer of crime fiction in the world was Agatha Christie. Her little Belgian detective, **Hercule Poirot**, is quite an unforgettable character. Poirot first appeared in 1920 in the book *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, and then continued to



solve crimes in 33 novels, one play and 50 short stories before he died in the book *Curtain* in 1975. Poirot is memorable for his appearance and he was very vain. He wore smart, fashionable clothes that didn't always look good on his shape and height – he was only one metre 62 centimetres tall and quite overweight. People often compare Poirot with Sherlock Holmes, but their methods of solving crime weren't the same. Holmes was always analysing tiny pieces of evidence.

Poirot preferred to look at the psychology of people to find out why people committed crimes. Although *Curtain*, Christie's final novel about

Poirot, was published in 1975, Christie actually wrote the book almost 40 years earlier. She kept the book in a bank, but didn't publish it until just before her own death in 1976. Today, Poirot is well known to millions of people worldwide because of the TV adaptations of the stories.

Another famous detective is **Inspector Morse**. However, most people know Morse because of the television programme and not the original books by Colin Dexter. Morse was a well-educated man, but he failed at university. He was concerned about spelling and grammar and always corrected mistakes in the police paperwork. Morse was a very intelligent detective and often relied on instinct and memory to solve many of his cases. Unfortunately, his relationships



with colleagues weren't very successful. Morse was always a little sad and didn't make friends easily. Dexter published his first book with Morse in 1975 and the detective finally died 24 years later in 1999 after 13 books. They filmed all the books for the TV series, and there were 33 different episodes on TV between 1987 and 2000.



### READ THE ARTICLE AGAIN AND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. What is important about *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*?

- It was Agatha Christie's first novel.
- The book was extremely successful at the time.
- It is the book where we first meet Poirot.

2. What was wrong with Poirot's clothes?

- They weren't fashionable.
- He chose the wrong clothes for his size.
- He didn't wear the right clothes for a detective.

3. When did Christie publish her final Poirot book?

- 1945
- 1975
- 1976

4. What did Inspector Morse never do?

- finish university
- remember information about his investigations
- speak to his colleagues

5. How did most people find out about Morse?

- They read the books.
- They watched the TV series.
- They heard about him from friends.

6. Why did Morse correct paperwork?

- He liked to be tidy.
- He liked words to be correct.
- He didn't like the other detectives.

## VOCABULARY

Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs given.

One Saturday afternoon, a team of police officers  (play) football against a group of local people in Yorkshire, England. The police officers  (lose) 2-0 when suddenly an officer  (recognise) one of the men who  (play) in the other team. He  (know) that the man was a criminal. The police officers  (look) for him for several burglaries. The police officers  (stop) playing and  (arrest) the man. Then they  (start) the match again. In the end, the police officers  (win) the match 3-2! And the man  (go) to prison for a long time.

Complete the dialogue with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

do • do • feel • have • not feel • sit • talk • visit

**Helen:** I rang you at 8 pm last night, but there was no answer. What  you ?

**Luke:** My mum and I  my grandmother in hospital.

**Helen:** Why was she in hospital?

**Luke:** Yesterday morning she  well, so we called the doctor and he said that she needed to go to hospital.

**Helen:** What  she  last night when you visited her?

**Luke:** She  on a chair, not lying in bed. All the patients  dinner and they  and laughing. She looked OK. When my mum phoned the hospital this morning, she  much better.

**Helen:** That's good news.