

THE BEST WAY TO WRITE THE PERFECT CRIME NOVEL

Instructions

Read the text and then select the correct answer.

There is an example at the beginning:

(0) say tell speak announce

Most people are born with the natural ability to (0)____ stories, but only a rare few have the determination to become professional authors, and even fewer have the joy of seeing their novels top the (1) ____ of bestselling books. Some of the world's famous crime writers have achieved the (2) ____ success of all. Who can deny the appeal of famous detectives like Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? Even if you haven't read the (3) ____ books you will have seen them in films or on the TV. If you have an ambition to become the next Agatha Christie what should you do? The best starting (4)____ is to read lots of examples of crime fiction written by good authors. You will need a notebook to carry around with you or, even better, some loose (5) ____ of paper that you can (6)____ notes on and then file into a folder. After all, the most everyday situation - for example, watching a woman get (7) ____ a train - may be the inspiration for your first bestseller.

Like any good recipe you have to know the main (8) ____ of a successful novel. These are: an original story, strong characters and a memorable setting.

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| 0 | say | announce | tell | say |
| 1 | list | line | queue | row |
| 2 | prime | highest | greatest | largest |
| 3 | first | original | initial | early |
| 4 | spot | point | mark | tip |
| 5 | strips | layers | pieces | sheets |
| 6 | fill | complete | make | do |
| 7 | from | off | out | down |
| 8 | parts | ingredients | sections | pieces |