

UNIT 7 – TELLING STORIES

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Activity 2 –Reading and Use of English Part 5

2 You are going to read an extract from a novel about a detective called Sherlock Holmes and his friend Watson. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

- 1** What do we learn about Holmes in the first paragraph?
A He would like more time to spend on his interests.
B He does not want to share his free time with others.
C He blames those around him when things go wrong.
D He feels annoyed when he cannot do what he wants.

Tip: Read paragraph 1. Underline the words which give you the answer.

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- 2** The word 'sneak' in line 24 is used to mean 'move'
A noisily and aggressively.
B quietly and secretly.
C surprisingly quickly.
D extremely slowly.

Tip: Read the sentences before and after the word carefully to work out the answer.

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- 3** When Watson mentions the thefts in London, Holmes complains because
A he thinks Watson has got the facts wrong.
B all of the cases have already been solved.
C he believes his skills are wasted on such crimes.
D the weather has caused a big increase in theft.

Tip: Read the conversation between Holmes and Watson about criminals.

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4 What does 'it' refer to in line 36?

- A a murder
- B a reason
- C a meeting
- D an appointment

5 Holmes suggests that his brother Mycroft is someone who

- A uses the railway to get to work.
- B is predictable in his routine.
- C spends most of his time outdoors.
- D is dedicated to his family.

6 What is implied about Holmes' character in the story extract?

- A He believes himself to be more intelligent than Watson.
- B He thinks other people are less important than he is.
- C He needs to keep his mind occupied.
- D He has some doubts about his talents.

Tip: Underline words A–D in the text. Which one does 'it' refer to?

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Tip: Read this part of the text carefully to work out the answer.

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Tip: Read the whole text before choosing the answer.

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