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Pre Task. Pre-Reading: Inductive learning

Match the words to their meaning.

1. Featuring	..... A. the ability to say or write things that are both clever and humorous
2. mysteries	..... B. the most important character in a film or a novel
3. author	..... C. having become popular and/or made a lot of money
4. detective novel	..... D. including a particular person or thing as a special feature
5. wit	..... E. a novel where there is a murder or other crime and a detective tries to solve it
6. main character	..... F. something that is difficult to understand or to explain
7. successful	..... G. the ability to know something by using your feelings rather than facts
8. intuition	..... H. a person who writes books

Task. Reading: A Biography of Agatha Christie

- ***Skimming (During Reading): Fill in the gaps with the words from the previous exercise:***

A biography of Agatha Christie

Agatha Christie was born in Devon, England, on the 15th of September 1890. As a child, she has never attended school because her mother wanted her to stay at home. She has always been a very shy child who teamed very early to create games to keep her mind occupied. She studied Music and Piano in Paris and later turned to writing.

In 1914, she married Archie Christie, a World War I fighter pilot. It was while Agatha Christie was working in a hospital that she came up with the idea of writing a _____. In the hospital she learned a lot about drugs and poisons and she used this information in her novels. Her first novel was published in 1920 and the _____was a Belgian detective, Hercules Poirot. Christie has written 30 novels_____Poirot. Among the 7 most popular are *Murder on the Orient Express* and *Death on the Nile*. In 1926, Archie asked for a divorce and Agatha, feeling sad, suddenly disappeared. For two weeks nobody knew where she was.

Eventually, she was found in a small hotel, explaining to the police that she had lost her memory. Even today nobody has discovered exactly what happened to her during those two weeks.

Her second husband was Max Mallowan, a young man whom she met on a trip to Baghdad. Christie and her husband have gone to the East many times. These journeys have created the idea for several of her novels, for example *Death on the Nile*. Another one of Christie's main characters was introduced in *Murder at the Vicarage*. It was Miss

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Jane Marple, an old lady who solved_____with her _____ and_____.

During her life, Christie has written over 70 novels, some of which have been made into _____ films. Her work has been translated into more than a hundred languages and she is the most popular mystery_____of all times.

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- ***Scanning (Post Reading): Write if the following statements about the text are true or false.***

..... 1 Agatha Christie has never attended school.

..... 2 Agatha Christie studied in London.

..... 3 She decided to write detective novels when she was working in a hospital.

..... 4 Agatha Christie disappeared when her husband asked for a divorce.

..... 5 Agatha has never had a husband again.

..... 6 Agatha's novels have not been translated into any language.

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