

I ARE THE SENTENCES GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT (+) OR NOT (-)?

1. The book was so excited that I decided to read its sequel.
2. Sherlock Holmes was able to solve a lot of mysteries.
3. Helen have to write a short story for her Literature lesson.
4. Jack said he borrowed a science fiction book from the library the day before.
5. I think I will able to win the short story competition.
6. I don't know why he took up writing stories for the school magazine.

II SUPPLY THE ARTICLES IF THEY ARE NECESSARY

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was ___ British writer best known for his detective fiction. In 1887 he published 'A Study in Scarlet', ___ first of four novels about Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. In addition, he wrote over fifty short stories about ___ famous detective. It was in these early stories that he developed ___ character of Sherlock Holmes. It was ___ character that fascinated ___ reading public and he soon became one of ___ best-loved fictional characters. Sherlock Holmes always had ___ element of mystery - ___ sharpest mind and his unbelievable powers of observation. His non-Sherlockian works include ___ fantasy, science fiction and humorous stories as well as ___ plays, poetry and historical novels. However, his historical novels never brought him ___ same fame as his Sherlock Holmes stories did.

III FILL IN THE CORRECT PREPOSITION OR PARTICLE. ONE ITEM IS EXTRA

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Arthur Conan Doyle worked ___ a medical officer ___ the ship travelling ___ Liverpool and West Africa. He then settled ___ Portsmouth ___ the English south coast and divided his time ___ medicine and writing. The success ___ his first novels ___ Sherlock Holmes was enormous, so Conan Doyle gave ___ his medical practice and dedicated himself ___ writing full time. His books were popular ___ people of all ages all over the world. In later life, he became very interested ___ spiritualism (*спиритуализм - вера в реальность загробной жизни*).

IV USE THE CORRECT TENSE FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

Yesterday evening I **1)**_____ **(READ)** a detective story when I **2)**_____ **(HEARD)** a strange noise downstairs. When I **3)**_____ **(GO)** into the living-room, I **4)**_____ **(NOT / CAN)** believe my eyes. Sherlock Holmes **5)**_____ **(SIT)** in the armchair and **6)**_____ **(EXAMINE)** the painting my mum **7)**_____ **(BUY)** at the ART exhibition. "You know this painting **8)**_____ **(STEAL)** from the British Museum fifty years ago!" he **9)**_____ **(SAY)**. I **10)**_____ **(TELL)** him I **11)**_____ **(TAKE)** it to the museum the next day. Then I **12)**_____ **(WAKE)** up.

V PUT THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

1. friends / she / whose / her / meets / have / parents / died /

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2. is / I / read / most / this / touching / the / have / book / ever /

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3. which / they / in / explore / lies / town / ruins / the /

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4. is / it / a / about / lost / girl / who / family / during / her / war / the /

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