


Complete the five conversations. Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

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| 0 I've got something to tell you! | a That's not true! |
| | b What is it? |
| | c It's important. |
| 1 A woman rang and asked to speak to me. | a Why did you do that? |
| | b Where was your phone? |
| | c What did you say? |
| 2 Something strange happened this morning. | a Why? What did you do? |
| | b What was wrong? |
| | c Really? What? |
| 3 My phone was broken – but it still rang! | a That's weird! |
| | b But you never ring! |
| | c I don't think so! |
| 4 Guess what? I won a competition! | a Oh no! |
| | b Cool! |
| | c Thank you! |
| 5 What did you win? | a I got a digital camera. |
| | b I never enter competitions. |
| | c I don't mind. |

Listening

- 10**  Listen to a woman talking to a police officer. Answer the questions.
Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

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| 0 The woman was coming home from | 3 When she opened the front door, someone |
| a the shops. | a called her. |
| b her office. | b was just leaving the garden. |
| c her friend's house. | c came out of the house. |
| 1 Her husband is learning | 4 She saw a man carrying |
| a French. | a cameras and jewellery. |
| b English. | b cameras and money. |
| c Spanish. | c money and jewellery. |
| 2 When she reached her house, she | 5 The woman thinks the man was wearing |
| a ran to the front door. | a jeans and a hoodie. |
| b didn't open the door. | b a hoodie and a hat. |
| c felt a bit afraid. | c jeans and a hat. |

Reading

11 Read the article about the famous crime writer, Agatha Christie.

AGATHA CHRISTIE – HER LIFE AND WORK

GROWING UP

Agatha Christie was born in 1890 to a rich family in the south west of England. She spent a lot of her early childhood alone, with few friends, because her mother decided to teach her at home. She loved reading and started writing at an early age.

EARLY DAYS AS A WRITER

She married her first husband in 1914. A publishing company published her first novel featuring the famous Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, in 1919. He appeared in 33 of her novels and in 54 short stories but she never liked him!

FOREIGN ADVENTURES

After her divorce in 1926, Agatha Christie married an archaeologist and she developed a great interest in archaeology. She and her husband travelled together to many exotic places and she set a lot of her most successful murder mysteries in those places.

WELL-LOVED CHARACTERS

Agatha Christie's other famous detective, after Hercule Poirot, was Miss Jane Marple. Poirot appeared in more novels than Miss Marple, but Christie much preferred Miss Marple as a character. She used her grandmother as the model for Miss Marple!

RECORD-BREAKING STATISTICS

Agatha Christie, the 'queen of crime', died in 1976 at the age of 85. She is the best-selling novelist of all time: her 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections are available in more than 100 languages; and sales of her books are approximately 4 billion copies. Her play *The Mousetrap* opened in London in 1952 and it was still on in 2015 – an unbelievable 63 years later!



Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

- 0 Because her family was rich, Agatha Christie went to an expensive school.
- 1 Hercule Poirot was her favourite character in her books.
- 2 Agatha began to travel to foreign countries after her second marriage.
- 3 The character Miss Marple was in more books than Hercule Poirot.
- 4 Agatha based Miss Marple on someone in her family.
- 5 Agatha has sold more books than any other writer.

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