

What do you know about Sherlock Holmes? Join Wendy in London as she searches for clues about the famous detective.



Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... ruthless | a. a small, wheeled vehicle, often pulled by a horse |
| 2..... flawed | b. full of a weather condition that makes the air cloudy and grey with small particles of water |
| 3..... a blockbuster | c. go in or visit for a short time |
| 4..... out of your mind | d. a film that is very popular and makes a lot of money |
| 5..... a cart | e. be the person who has secretly organised something |
| 6..... foggy | f. to become crazy or confused |
| 7..... be behind something | g. cruel and having no compassion |
| 8 pop in | h. not perfect |



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1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Sherlock Holmes was a real person. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The books were written in the late 1800s. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The author of the books lived at 221B Baker Street. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | You can visit a pub with a room set up like Sherlock Holmes's study. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Roger Johnson thinks the character of Sherlock Holmes is a perfect human. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The original stories are very well written. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Conan Doyle took his inspiration from real-life crimes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Scientific or forensic policing is now even more important than in Sherlock Holmes's time. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |



2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – prepositions

Write the words to fill the gaps.

- The streets of London are full _____ history.
- Since the 1800s, Holmes has appeared _____ many films.
- You can find evidence of Sherlock Holmes all _____ London.
- Ah look! A pub named after Sherlock Holmes. Let's pop _____.
- You can just imagine Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson discussing how _____ solve crimes here.
- 'Whoever's behind this thing must be _____ of his mind.'
- He's a flawed hero. He doesn't have superpowers _____ the way that, say, Superman does.
- Holmes was famous _____ his use of forensic or scientific approaches to solve crimes.



Discussion

Do you like detective stories and mysteries? Which are your favourites?

