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The Belgian detective

The character of the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot ¹was created by the writer Agatha Christie in the 1920s. Between 1920 and 1975 over 800 Poirot novels and short stories ² _____. In the stories, Poirot sometimes works alone, but usually he ³ _____ by his assistant, Captain Hastings. Poirot always dresses smartly and he ⁴ _____ for his neat moustache and his polite manners. He is very intelligent and believes that all crimes ⁵ _____ by using the 'little grey cells' in your brain.

A lot of the Poirot stories ⁶ _____ into popular films in the 1970s, and even today stories about Poirot ⁷ _____ by millions of people each year on TV. When, finally, Poirot's death ⁸ _____ in a 1975 novel, an article about his life appeared in the newspaper *The Times*, as if he had been a real person!