Worksheet tasks

Task 1. Match the literary terms

Instruction: Match each literary term with its correct definition.

Literary term	Definition
1. Irony	A. A comparison using like or as
2. Metaphor	B. A contrast between expectation and reality
3. Simile	C. A direct comparison between two things
4. Suspense	D. A feeling of uncertainty and anticipation
5. Characterisation	E. The way an author presents a character

Liveworksheets format: Matching.

Task 2. Identify literary devices

Instruction: Identify the literary device used in each example.

1. The author describes a character through their actions and dialogue.
2. An unexpected event changes the reader's understanding of the situation.
3. The author gradually reveals information to create tension.
4. A comparison is made without using "like" or "as".

Choose from: metaphor, irony, suspense, indirect characterisation.

Liveworksheets format: Multiple choice.

Task 3. Character analysis – Drag and Drop

Instruction: Match each character with the most appropriate description.

Character	Description
Sherlock Holmes	Analytical and observant detective
Dr Watson	Narrator and Holmes's companion
Charles Augustus Milverton	Manipulative blackmailer
Lady Eva	A character whose private reputation is threatened

Liveworksheets format: Drag and drop.

Task 4. Tone and imagery analysis

Instruction: Choose the correct answers.

1. What atmosphere dominates the story?

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- A. Humorous and carefree
- B. Mysterious and suspenseful
- C. Romantic and peaceful
- D. Celebratory and joyful

2. Which elements contribute most to the atmosphere?

- A. Descriptions of the setting and characters' behaviour
- B. Comic conversations
- C. Musical performances
- D. Descriptions of nature

3. How does the suspense influence the reader?

- A. It creates curiosity and anticipation.
- B. It makes the story predictable.
- C. It removes the central conflict.
- D. It makes the characters less important.

4. Explain in 2–3 sentences how the author creates tension in the story.

Liveworksheets format: Multiple choice + short answer.

Task 5. Complete the sentences

Instruction: Fill in the missing words.

Word bank: suspense – blackmail – narrator – conflict – detective

1. Sherlock Holmes is a famous fictional _____.
2. Dr Watson acts as the _____ of the story.
3. Milverton uses _____ to control other people.
4. The central _____ creates tension between the characters.
5. The author builds _____ to keep readers interested.

Liveworksheets format: Fill in the blanks.

Task 6. Critical thinking – Short response

Instruction: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Do you consider Sherlock Holmes's actions morally justified? Why?
2. How does the author encourage readers to judge Milverton?
3. What message about morality, justice and personal responsibility can readers take from the story?

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