

Skills Time!

Lesson Five

Reading

1 Look at the pictures. Who do you think the characters are?

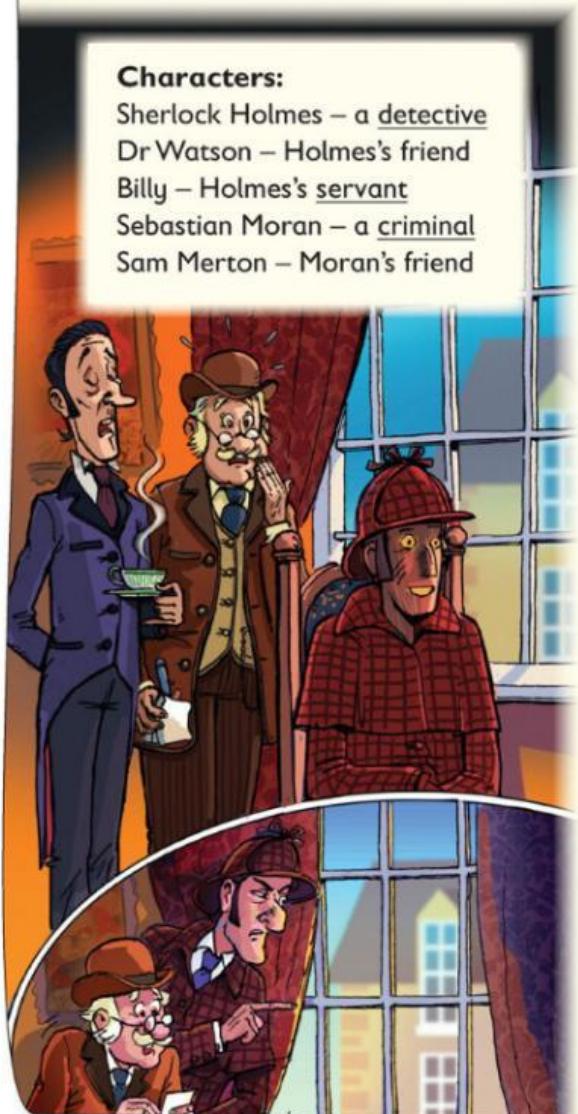
2 Listen and read.  16

The Crown Diamond

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Characters:

Sherlock Holmes – a detective
Dr Watson – Holmes's friend
Billy – Holmes's servant
Sebastian Moran – a criminal
Sam Merton – Moran's friend



3 Read again and write *True* or *False*.

- 1 Holmes is looking for a diamond.
- 3 A man is trying to attack Watson.
- 5 Moran is in the street outside Holmes's house.

Scene 1 A room with a large window. There is a curtain across the window.

(Enter Watson and Billy.)

Watson When will Holmes be back, Billy?

Billy I don't know, sir. He's very busy. He's trying to find the Crown Diamond.

Watson Oh, yes. It was stolen in the robbery last week.

Billy That's right, sir.

(Watson pulls back the curtain. A model of Holmes is in a chair by the window.)

Watson What's this?

Billy Holmes wants people to think he is at home when he isn't.

Watson Why?

(Enter Holmes.)

Holmes Because a man is trying to attack me, Watson.

Watson Who?

Holmes Sebastian Moran. Write it down, Watson!

(A doorbell rings. Billy exits.)

Watson (Writing in his notebook.) Why don't you tell the police?

Holmes Because I haven't found out where the diamond is yet. Moran stole it and a man called Sam Merton helped him.

(Enter Billy.)

Billy Sebastian Moran is here, sir.

Holmes Good! (Looks out of the window.) And Sam Merton is outside.

Watson This is dangerous. I'll stay with you, Holmes.

Holmes No, Watson. (Writes a note.) Take this note to the police. They will come and arrest Moran. But before they get here, I will find out where the diamond is.

True

- 2 There is a model of Watson by the window.
- 4 Moran stole the diamond.
- 6 Holmes wants Watson to go to the police.