

READING COMPREHENSION: TASK 1

Read this text carefully and answer the questions according to the text.

SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM

The Sherlock Holmes Museum is located at one of the world's most famous addresses, 221B Baker Street, London. Despite the number 221B, the museum is actually found between numbers 237 and 241 of Baker Street. According to the stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the fictional character Sherlock Holmes made this his residence from 1881 to 1904. The museum recreates the world of London's iconic detective and includes a full replica of the detective's flat, with authentic Victorian furniture and curiosities relating to Sherlock and the famous cases he solved. The museum opened in 1990, and now attracts thousands of visitors from all over the globe.



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On arrival at 221B Baker Street, you will enter the building through the front door, and make your way up the narrow staircase to the first floor.

Reaching the first floor, you will be welcomed into Sherlock's study for an introductory tour. The study is preserved perfectly, as described in the stories: you will almost be able to picture Holmes and Watson themselves deliberating over a case or meeting a client. Amongst the authentic décor and items from the Victorian era, you can spot Sherlock's chemistry set and violin, Doctor Watson's medical paraphernalia and even take a sneak peek into the detective's bedroom next door.

Making your way up to the second floor, you will find Doctor Watson's orderly and tidy bedroom. You'll see curiosities from his time serving

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with the British Army in India and Afghanistan, and marvel at his collection of very rare medical texts. You might even spy Watson's notes on the Baskerville case, one of the most famous stories.

Climbing to the top floor, you'll come face-to-face with life-size, lifelike waxworks* of Sherlock Holmes, Doctor Watson and Professor Moriarty, as well as other memorable characters. Don't forget to take your own photograph with them!

An average visit takes 30-45 minutes. After a short introduction, your tour is self-guided so you're welcome to stay for as long as you like, within our opening hours. We provide a free written guide in various languages when you purchase your ticket.

GETTING HERE

Finding the museum couldn't be easier. We're just one minute's walk from Baker Street station on the London Underground, as well as easily accessible by bus (13, 74 and 274 all stop within a few feet of our front door), or by train (Marylebone Station is just 5 minutes' walk away and London Paddington is only a few underground stops away).

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Sunday

9:30am - 6pm

Last admission 5:30pm

Closed on December 25th and January 1st

TICKETS

Adults: £16

Concessions (Students, Seniors and Disabled): £14.00

Children (under 16): £11

Children (under 6): Free

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GLOSSARY:

* **waxwork:** A model of a person, especially a famous person, made out of wax. En català significa 'estàtua de cera'.

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16. The address 221B Baker Street is famous because

_____ lived there.

- a. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- b. Sherlock Holmes
- c. Moriarty

17. The Sherlock Holmes Museum...

- a. includes original objects from the Victorian era.
- b. is in the original flat where Sherlock Holmes lived.
- c. contains original documents from Sherlock Holmes cases.

18. The Sherlock Holmes Museum opened in...

- a. 1881.
- b. 1904.
- c. 1990.

19. When you get to the museum, you have to...

- a. go directly to the first floor.
- b. take the lift to the top floor.
- c. read the guide on the ground floor.

20. Who played the violin?

- a. Doctor Watson.
- b. Sherlock Holmes.
- c. Professor Moriarty.

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21. Who was in the British Army?

- a. Doctor Watson.
- b. Sherlock Holmes.
- c. Professor Moriarty.

22. On the top floor, you can _____ of Sherlock Holmes and other characters.

- a. take pictures of statues
- b. see the portraits
- c. buy souvenirs

23. When you visit the museum, you can stay there for...

- a. a minimum of 30 minutes.
- b. a maximum of 45 minutes.
- c. as long as you want while it is open.

24. If you decide to go to the museum by bus, the stop is...

- a. almost at the front door.
- b. five minutes' walk away.
- c. on the opposite side of the street.

25. The museum is open from...

- a. half past nine to half past five.
- b. half past nine to six.
- c. nine to six.

26. What happens in the museum on 25th December?

- a. It is closed in the morning, but open in the afternoon.
- b. They have special Christmas exhibitions.
- c. It is closed all day.

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27. If you are 15, how much do you have to pay for the ticket?

- a. £11
- b. £14
- c. £16

**28. You can find information about how to get to the museum in
_____ of the text.**

- a. the first part
- b. the middle part
- c. the last part

29. The text you have read is a...

- a. detective story.
- b. biography.
- c. web page.