



Reading 8

The Formula behind Detective Stories on TV



Name: _____
 Class: _____

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

1 General Questions

Answer the questions.



1 (Paragraph 1) Why are detective stories popular in TV films and series?

2 (Paragraph 2) What are some elements that might explain the success of detective stories?

3 (Paragraph 4) What are the characteristics of the detective in the story?

4 (Paragraph 6) What happens when the detective is captured?

2 True or False

Read the statements and write T (True) or F (False).

TOP SECRET

1 (Paragraph 1) The mystery and intrigue keep viewers interested in detective stories.

2 (Paragraph 3) The TV audience usually knows the plot and can predict what will happen.

3 (Paragraph 5) The villain is always revealed at the beginning of the story.

4 (Paragraph 2) The success of detective stories is only because of the action and adventure.



3 Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

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1 (Paragraph 1) Detective stories are popular because the mystery and intrigue are _____.

2 (Paragraph 3) The audience knows the hero will _____ dangerous villains.

3 (Paragraph 5) Detectives use special skills and technological _____ to help them solve the crime.

4 (Paragraph 6) The formula for detective stories is so successful that it is hard to imagine it will ever be significantly _____.

