



Task 1

Listen to the audio track (from 5.04 till 8.50)

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Task 2

Choose all the true sentences.

1. Sherlock Holmes was a real person.
2. Sherlock Holmes was a doctor.
3. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a character in a book.
4. 221B Baker Street is a real address in London.
5. People wrote letters to Sherlock Holmes.
6. Sherlock Holmes was a new kind of detective
7. Some ideas in modern TV series come from the Sherlock Holmes books.
8. *House* is a series about a detective like Sherlock Holmes.

Task 3

Put the words in the right spaces.

1. Nowadays most detectives do a course in forensic science.
2. Detectives use a lot of scientific methods to solve crimes.
3. Sherlock Holmes uses a lot of tiny clues to find the answers.
4. The police can arrest someone when they're sure they've got the right person.
5. If you commit a crime at work, then you might lose your job.
6. If you murder someone then you might go to prison for a long time.
7. The court will decide if someone is guilty or innocent.
8. The detective is working on a difficult case – a murder.

Task 4

Match the words to the definitions.

1. Someone who murders someone is a murderer.
2. Someone who steals from you is a thief.
3. Someone who steals money from a bank is a bank robber.
4. Someone who commits a crime is a criminal.
5. Someone who tries to solve a crime is a detective.
6. Someone who is in prison is a prisoner.
7. Someone who sees a crime happen is a witness.
8. Someone who is attacked, robbed or killed is a victim.

Task 5

Write the prepositions in the spaces.

1. Sherlock Holmes is a character in a book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
2. In the books, Sherlock Holmes lived at 221B Baker Street in London.
3. The company that was at that address received hundreds of letters addressed to Sherlock Holmes.
4. The stories often start with an interesting letter or a visitor to his flat in Baker Street.

5. I think that what people love about Sherlock Holmes is that he seems to know everything just by looking at people.

Task 6

Match the halves of the sentences.

1. Sherlock Holmes wasn't born because he wasn't a real person!
2. How many babies are born in the world every day?
3. Princess Charlotte was born on 2 May 2015.
4. I was born in India but we moved to Britain when I was two.
5. Most baby cats have blue eyes when they are born.
6. Do you know any celebrities who were born on the same day as you?
7. Was your daughter born at home or in hospital?
8. Which day of the week were you born on?

Task 7

Discuss in pairs:

1. What's your favorite book? Who's your favorite author?
2. Are you a fast reader or a slow reader? Have you tried to read more quickly?
3. Do you prefer to read *fiction* or *non-fiction* books? Why?
4. Do you try to read books that are recognized as classics? Why or why not?
5. Where is the best place to read? How long can you read for in one sitting?
6. How is your eyesight? Do you need glasses to read? Is too much reading bad for our eyes?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of reading on an e-reading device, such as a Kindle or iPad?
8. Do you read magazines? What are some magazines you enjoy?
9. Do you read the newspaper? Which section do you read first?

10. The print industry has struggled in recent years because of the Internet. Do you think newspapers and magazines will die out completely?
11. What do you think is the most popular book in the world?
12. Is there a good library in your neighborhood? How often do you go to the library?
13. What does “don’t judge a book by its cover” mean? Do you agree with this idea?
14. Historically, some books have been banned or burned. Can a book be dangerous to society?
15. What do you do if you come across a word you don’t know while you’re reading? Do you look it up, or just carry on?
16. How many languages can you read in? How well can you understand each language?
17. Is reading in a second language a good way to practice that language?
18. People sometimes say that every person has ‘a book in them’. Have you thought about writing a book? What would you write about?