

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 15

While you listen

Elementary Podcasts are suitable for learners with different levels of English. Here are some ways to make them easier (if you have a lower level of English) or more difficult (if you have a higher level of English). You can choose one or two of these suggestions – you don't have to follow all of them!

Making it easier

- Read all the exercises before you listen to the podcast.
- Look up the words in the exercises that you don't know in a dictionary.
- Play the podcast as many times as you need.
- Play each part of the podcast separately.
- Read the transcript after you have listened to the podcast.

Making it harder

- Listen to the podcast before you read the exercises.
- Only play the podcast once before answering the questions.
- Play the whole podcast without a break.
- Don't read the transcript.

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Choose all the sentences that are true according to the podcast.

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.

Activity 2

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. a book / Sir Arthur Conan Doyle / Sherlock Holmes / character in / was a / by
2. addressed / 221B Baker Street / to Sherlock Holmes / The company at / of letters / received hundreds
3. interesting letter or / Baker Street / The stories / with an / a visitor to / in / often start / his flat

4. Sherlock Holmes is that / love about / everything just / What people / he seems to know / by looking / at people
5. Sherlock Holmes / of solving / first detective / logical way / was the / to use that / a crime
6. were / Lots of the / in the books / the time / new things / for the police at / things he did

Activity 3

Crime vocabulary. Put the words in the spaces.

forensic

arrest

case

clues

commit

guilty

prison

solve

1. Nowadays most detectives do a course in _____ science.
2. Detectives use a lot of scientific methods to _____ crimes.
3. Sherlock Holmes uses a lot of tiny _____ to find the answers.
4. The police can _____ someone when they're sure they've got the right person.
5. If you _____ a crime at work, then you might lose your job.

6. If you murder someone, then you might go to _____ for a long time.
7. The court will decide if someone is _____ or innocent.
8. The detective is working on a difficult _____ – a murder.

Activity 4

Match the words to the definitions.

criminal

detective

murderer

prisoner

robber

thief

victim

witness

1. Someone who murders someone is a _____.
2. Someone who steals from you is a _____.
3. Someone who steals money from a bank is a bank _____.
4. Someone who commits a crime is a _____.
5. Someone who tries to solve a crime is a _____.
6. Someone who is in prison is a _____.
7. Someone who sees a crime happen is a _____.

8. Someone who is attacked, robbed or killed is a _____.

Activity 5

Write the prepositions in the spaces.

1. Sherlock Holmes is a character _____ a book _____ Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
2. _____ the books, Sherlock Holmes lived _____ 221B Baker Street _____ London.
3. The company that was _____ that address received hundreds _____ letters addressed _____ Sherlock Holmes.
4. The stories often start _____ an interesting letter or a visitor _____ his flat _____ Baker Street.
5. I think that what people love _____ Sherlock Holmes is that he seems to know everything just _____ looking _____ people.

Activity 6

Match the halves of the sentences.

- a) on the 2nd May, 2015.
- b) because he wasn't a real person!
- c) in the world every day?
- d) or in hospital?
- e) we moved to Britain when I was two.
- f) were you born on?
- g) when they are born.

- h) who were born on the same day as you?

1. Sherlock Holmes wasn't born
2. How many babies are born
3. Princess Charlotte was born
4. I was born in India but
5. Most baby cats have blue eyes
6. Do you know any celebrities
7. Was your daughter born at home
8. Which day of the week

Activity 7

Fill in the spaces with the right form of 'born'. Don't look back at Activity 6!

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

Activity 8

Famous 'solvers' of crimes in books and films. Read the clues and see if you know the names. You can use the list of names to help you.

Alphabetical list as clues:

Batman

Dr Temperance 'Bones' Brennan

Fox Mulder

Hercule Poirot

Lisbeth Salander

Miss Marple

Philip Marlowe

Tintin

1. He is a blonde teenager from Belgium. He has a friend called Captain Haddock and a dog called Snowy. He appears in books written by Hergé (Georges Remi).

His name is _____

2. He is American. He works with his partner, Dr Scully, to solve strange mysteries. He's extremely interested in aliens and monsters and has a photographic memory. He was played by David Duchovny in the TV series *The X-Files*.

His name is _____

3. He lives in Gotham City and is a billionaire. He works with his partner, Robin. Some people call him 'The World's Greatest Detective'. His real name is Bruce Wayne.

His name is _____

4. He lives in Hollywood, Los Angeles. He's a private investigator who smokes and drinks a lot. He appears in books written by Raymond Chandler. He was played by Humphrey Bogart in the film *The Big Sleep*.

His name is _____

5. She's in her sixties and lives in a small village in England. She watches village life to help her solve crimes. She appears in twelve crime novels by Agatha Christie. She has been played by various actresses on TV and in film.

Her name is: _____

6. He is a retired Belgian police officer with a small moustache. He has a friend called Captain Hastings who helps him, and a secretary called Miss Lemon. He appears in *Murder on the Orient Express* and *Death on the Nile*. David Suchet played him in the TV series.

His name is _____

7. She's an American scientist who works at the Jeffersonian Institute. Her partner is called Seeley Booth. She is very logical in her work. She solves old and new crimes by examining the bones of the victims. She is also a famous crime writer.

Her name is _____

8. She lives in Stockholm in Sweden. She has a tattoo of a dragon on her back. She's a computer expert and a very good kick boxer. She wears punk/goth clothes. She was played by Noomi

Rapace in the film of Stieg Larsson's best-selling book.

Her name is _____

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What about you? Do you like Sherlock Holmes? Do you like other crime writers or

TV programmes? Which ones are your favourites? Leave a comment on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-15> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 4, 5, 6, 7

False: 1, 2, 3, 8

Activity 2

1. Sherlock Holmes was a character in a book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
2. The company at 221B Baker Street received hundreds of letters addressed to Sherlock Holmes.
3. The stories often start with an interesting letter or a visitor to his flat in Baker Street.
4. What people love about Sherlock Holmes is that he seems to know everything just by looking at people.
5. Sherlock Holmes was the first detective to use that logical way of solving a crime.
6. Lots of the things he did in the books were new things for the police at the time.

Activity 3

1.forensic, 2.solve, 3.clues, 4.arrest, 5.commit, 6.prison, 7.guilty, 8.case

Activity 4

1.murderer, 2.thief, 3.robber, 4.criminal, 5.detective, 6.prisoner, 7.witness, 8.victim

Activity 5

1. in/by

2. In/at/in
3. at/of/to
4. with/to/in
5. about/by/at

Activity 6

1.b, 2.c, 3.a, 4.e, 5.g, 6.h, 7.d, 8.f

Activity 7

1. wasn't born
2. are born
3. was born
4. was born
5. are born
6. were born
7. Was/born
8. were/born

Activity 8

1. Tintin
2. Fox Mulder
3. Batman
4. Philip Marlowe
5. Miss Marple
6. Hercule Poirot
7. Dr Temperance 'Bones' Brennan
8. Lisbeth Salander