What do you know about Sherlock Holmes? Join Wendy in London as she searches for clues about the famous detective.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

1. ruthless
2. flawed
3. a blockbuster
4. out of your mind
5. a cart
6. foggy
7. be behind something
8. pop in

- ruthless: a. a small, wheeled vehicle, often pulled by a horse
- flawed: b. full of a weather condition that makes the air cloudy and grey with small particles of water
- a blockbuster: c. go in or visit for a short time
- out of your mind: d. a film that is very popular and makes a lot of money
- a cart: e. be the person who has secretly organised something
- foggy: f. to become crazy or confused
- be behind something: g. cruel and having no compassion
- pop in: h. not perfect

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Sherlock Holmes was a real person. True False
2. The books were written in the late 1800s. True False
3. The author of the books lived at 221B Baker Street. True False
4. You can visit a pub with a room set up like Sherlock Holmes’s study. True False
5. Roger Johnson thinks the character of Sherlock Holmes is a perfect human. True False
6. The original stories are very well written. True False
7. Conan Doyle took his inspiration from real-life crimes. True False
8. Scientific or forensic policing is now even more important than in Sherlock Holmes’s time. True False
2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – prepositions

Write the words to fill the gaps.

1. The streets of London are full ___________ history.
2. Since the 1800s, Holmes has appeared ___________ many films.
3. You can find evidence of Sherlock Homes all ___________ London.
4. Ah look! A pub named after Sherlock Holmes. Let’s pop ___________.
5. You can just imagine Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson discussing how ___________ solve crimes here.
6. ‘Whoever’s behind this thing must be ___________ of his mind.’
7. He’s a flawed hero. He doesn’t have superpowers ___________ the way that, say, Superman does.
8. Holmes was famous ___________ his use of forensic or scientific approaches to solve crimes.

Discussion

Do you like detective stories and mysteries? Which are your favourites?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.