

## CONAN DOYLE AND SHERLOCK HOLMES



### 1. Complete the sentences with the correct verbs. Use the SIMPLE PAST.

*sell – become – receive – believe – write – study – become – start – be – be – be – be – be*

1. Arthur Conan Doyle ..... a short story about a detective called Sherlock Holmes
2. Arthur Conan Doyle ..... born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 22 May 1859.
3. He ..... medicine and ..... a doctor in a small English town called Portsmouth.
4. He ..... to write stories. The first to be published ..... *A Study in Scarlet* in 1887.
5. It ..... a detective novel and its hero ..... a detective called Sherlock Holmes.
6. The first two Holmes stories ..... well, and in 1891, Holmes ..... incredibly popular.
7. Conan Doyle ..... hundreds of letters for Holmes, because many people ..... he ..... a real person.

### 2. Correct these wrong sentences using in the negative form.

1. Sherlock Holmes wrote detective stories.  
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2. Arthur Conan Doyle was a detective.  
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3. Doctor Watson became incerdibly popular.  
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4. Moriarty killed Sherlock Holmes.  
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5. Arthur Conan Doyle appeared in the Hound of the Baskervilles.  
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6. Doctor Watson and Sherlock were real characters.  
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7. Sherlock died in *The Empty House*.  
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8. The different Sherlock Holmes stories took place in Paris.

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9. Moriarty killed Doctor Watson.

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10. Arthur Conan Doyle was a detective.

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### 3. **Ask questions**

1. In all, Conan Doyle wrote 4 novels and 56 short stories about Holmes.

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2. Holmes was one of the first fictional detectives.

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3. Conan Doyle believed that in a mystery story, you must give the reader all the elements to find the solution.

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4. Holmes used fingerprints and other clues that were new at the time.

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5. Sherlock Holmes and DR Watson lived at 221b Baker Street.

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