FAMOUS DETECTIVES / READING COMPREHENSION

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. Who created Sherlock Holmes?
   a) Agatha Christie
   b) Raymond Chandler
   c) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
   d) Peter Falk
2. What unique skill is Sherlock Holmes known for?
   a) His knowledge of poetry and philosophy
   b) Logical reasoning and forensic science
   c) His ability to get out of tricky situations
   d) His shy and quiet demeanor
3. Miss Marple is best described as:
   a) A detective who uses forensic science
   b) An elderly woman solving mysteries in her village
   c) A hardboiled private investigator
   d) A detective with a quick wit and attention to detail
4. What is Hercule Poirot's motto for solving crimes?
   a) "Elementary, my dear Watson."
   b) "Order and method."
   c) "Perfect murder, sir?"
   d) "They're pretty bad."
5. Which detective loves coffee and whiskey?
   a) Philip Marlowe
   b) Hercule Poirot
   c) Columbo
   d) Sam Spade

Exercise 2: True or False

1. Sherlock Holmes is known for his dislike of costumes.
2. Miss Marple was created by Agatha Christie and appeared in short stories and novels.
3. Hercule Poirot is an English detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
4. Sam Spade is portrayed as a gentlemen detective.
5. The Scooby-Doo gang often uses the supernatural to hide their crimes.

Exercise 3: Match each quote to the correct detective or group.

1. "Elementary, my dear Watson."
2. "Perfect murder, sir? Oh, I'm sorry. There is no such thing as a perfect murder. That's just an illusion."
3. "Order and method."
4. "I don't mind if you don't like my manners. They're pretty bad."
5. "It's what's in yourself that makes you happy or unhappy."

Exercise 4: Short Answer Questions

1. Describe the main traits of Columbo as a detective.
2. What sets Sam Spade apart from the gentlemen detective genre?
3. Explain the dynamic of the Scooby-Doo gang and their approach to solving mysteries.
4. How does Philip Marlowe's personality combine toughness and intellect?

Exercise 5: Find synonyms in the text for the following words:

1. Detective (paragraph about Sherlock Holmes)
2. Village (paragraph about Miss Marple)
3. Intelligent (paragraph about Columbo)
4. Misleading (paragraph about Scooby-Doo gang)
5. Mannerisms (paragraph about Philip Marlowe)

Exercise 6: Complete the sentences using information from the text.

1. Sherlock Holmes is famous for his use of _____ reasoning and early applications of _____ science.
2. Miss Marple, created by _____, uses her keen wit and experience to solve mysteries in _____.
3. Hercule Poirot believes in solving crimes through "_____ and _____."
4. Philip Marlowe, a hardboiled detective, has a gruff personality but is well-versed in _____ and _____.

5. Sam Spade, despite his _____ character, seeks justice for his partner's murder.
6. Columbo is a homicide detective who appears slightly _____ but has a sharp _____.
7. The Scooby-Doo gang uses the fear of the _____ to conceal _____ activity.

Exercise 7: Put the following events or characteristics in the correct order based on the text.
1. _____ Philip Marlowe is first created by Raymond Chandler in 1939.
2. _____ Sherlock Holmes is introduced in the late 1800s.
3. _____ Miss Marple appears in 12 novels and 20 short stories.
4. _____ Columbo, portrayed by Peter Falk, becomes a famous LAPD detective.
5. _____ Sam Spade is portrayed by Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon*.

Exercise 8: Identify which detective or group the following descriptions belong to.
1. This detective solves crimes in a Belgian manner using "order and method."
2. This elderly spinster solves mysteries in her small village of St. Mary Mead.
3. Known for his love of coffee and whiskey, this private investigator is also a poet at heart.
4. Despite appearing disheveled and absent-minded, this LAPD detective always cracks the case.
5. These teenage friends, along with their dog, uncover the truth behind supernatural fears.

Exercise 9: Answer the following prompts in 3-4 sentences each.
1. Compare and contrast Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot as detectives.
2. Explain how Miss Marple breaks traditional stereotypes of detectives.
3. How does Columbo's personality help him solve crimes? Provide an example based on the description.
4. Why do you think the Scooby-Doo gang remains popular among young audiences?

Exercise 10: Find synonyms or opposites for the following words based on their usage in the text:
1. Logical (paragraph about Sherlock Holmes)
2. Keen (paragraph about Miss Marple)
3. Gruff (paragraph about Philip Marlowe)
4. Disheveled (paragraph about Columbo)
5. Oversized (paragraph about Scooby-Doo gang)

Exercise 11: True or False with Justification
1. Hercule Poirot was created before Sherlock Holmes.
2. Miss Marple is a detective in a bustling city.
3. Sam Spade seeks justice for his partner's murder despite not liking him.
4. Philip Marlowe has a personality that combines toughness with intelligence.
5. The Scooby-Doo gang consists of adults solving mysteries.

Exercise 12: Match each quote to an analysis of what it reveals about the character.
Quotes:
1. "Elementary, my dear Watson."
2. "Order and method."
3. "I don't mind if you don't like my manners. They're pretty bad."
4. "Perfect murder, sir? Oh, I'm sorry. There is no such thing as a perfect murder. That's just an illusion."

Analysis:
a) Reflects the character's confidence in their reasoning and methods.
b) Suggests a structured and logical approach to solving crimes.
c) Highlights a mix of charm and rudeness that defines the character.
d) Dismisses the idea of an unsolvable crime with wit.