

Before you watch

1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What types of books and stories do you enjoy reading?
- 2 Do you know any famous writers of crime fiction? Who?
- 3 Do you recognise this famous character? Who is he?



Comprehension check

2 **▶** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 When was Arthur Conan Doyle born?
a 1859 b 1959 c 1856
- 2 When was Agatha Christie born?
a 1819 b 1890 c 1920
- 3 Which of the following was not one of Agatha Christie's characters?
a Hercule Poirot b Miss Marple c Moriarty

3 **▶** Watch again. Which of the things in the DVD clip are to do with Arthur Conan Doyle and which are to do with Agatha Christie? Tick the correct box.

	Arthur Conan Doyle	Agatha Christie
1 Edinburgh	☐	☐
2 Torquay	☐	☐
3 two men on a train	☐	☐
4 a statue	☐	☐
5 300 million books	☐	☐
6 a fight on a cliff	☐	☐
7 some letters	☐	☐
8 romantic fiction	☐	☐

4 **▶** Watch again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Arthur Conan Doyle was a teacher when he started writing. **true / false**
- 2 Sherlock Holmes was in 56 novels by Conan Doyle. **true / false**
- 3 Holmes and Moriarty have a fight in *The Final Problem*. **true / false**
- 4 *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* was a love story. **true / false**
- 5 Agatha Christie didn't like being famous. **true / false**
- 6 Agatha Christie wrote crime and romantic stories. **true / false**

Round up

5 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the questions.

Have you ever read any of Agatha Christie or Arthur Conan Doyle's books? Which do you / would you prefer? Why?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Complete the sentences with the words below.

clues crime investigation murderer suspect thief

- 1 The detectives launched the _____ after they found a dead body in the library.
- 2 Police arrested the _____ who stole the diamonds.
- 3 Miss Marple interviewed the _____ to find out where he was at the time of the murder.
- 4 Police searched the house for _____ about what happened to the money.
- 5 The _____ went to prison for 25 years for killing the chef.
- 6 The culprit said he committed the _____ because he needed the money.

7 Complete the speech bubbles with the words below.

mastermind novelist puzzle revenge

I love all her books. In fact, I think that Agatha Christie is my favourite ¹_____.

I don't understand it. It's so complicated. There are so many things to think about. It's a real ²_____.

She's a criminal ³_____. She planned everything carefully and committed the perfect crime.

One day, I'm going to get my ⁴_____. I'm going to find him and take what is mine.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Use the internet to find out about a famous crime that happened in your country. Find out:

- where and when it happened.
- what the crime was, who did it and why.
- how the police solved the crime.
- what happened to the criminals.

9 Present your story to the class. Use the key phrases for talking about past events.

Talking about past events

It happened ...

It took place ...

It involved ...

There was / were ...