

**SOLUTIONS PRE-INTERMEDIATE 5**  
**CULTURE 8:**  
**SHERLOCK HOLMES**

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## Cumulative Review 3 (Units I–5)

### Listening

1  2.20 Listen and match conversations 1–5 with contexts a–e.


a an answerphone message

b a job interview

c a talk

d a job advert

e an informal conversation

2  2.20 Listen again and choose the best answers.

- 1 Which information should you always include on a CV?
  - a Your date of birth.
  - b Your phone number.
  - c Your place of birth.
- 2 What does Paul like about his job?
  - a It's challenging.
  - b He loves travelling.
  - c It's very varied.
- 3 What do applicants need for the job?
  - a Communication skills.
  - b Experience.
  - c Special qualifications.
- 4 Why did Annabel apply for the job?
  - a She wants to do something more challenging.
  - b She wants to earn more money.
  - c She wants to work with some friends.
- 5 How can visitors book a guided tour of the factory?
  - a By phone.
  - b In person.
  - c Online.

## Speaking

- 3 Work in pairs. Look at the photo and answer the questions.
  - 1 How do you think the people are feeling?
  - 2 Which would you prefer: a face-to-face job interview or an interview by phone?
  - 3 How would you describe the last time you had to make a good impression?



## Reading

4 Read the article about a job at a chocolate company. Match sentences A–F with gaps 1–5 in the article. There is one extra sentence.

A To do this, they will need an excellent sense of taste and smell.

B The closing date for applications is 16 December.

C If candidates are successful, they will go on to do a blind taste test.

D The chocolate company Green & Black's is looking for a new Taste Assistant for their UK office.

E Many people eat too quickly to pay attention to what they are eating.

F The rest of the time will be spent at the company's headquarters experimenting with different flavours.



**Are you out of work? Do you love chocolate?**

**Then you might be interested in an advertisement that appeared last week on Facebook and in cinemas all over the country. <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ The starting salary for the post will be around £35,000 per year.**

Although the job is based in England, the successful candidate will have to do a lot of travelling. He or she will go abroad regularly to look for the best ingredients for the company's products. <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ When the right combination is found, the company will develop a new chocolate bar. The best part of the job will be testing the new products, which will be done, of course, by the Taste Assistant.

No formal qualifications are needed for the job, but there is one rather special requirement. Applicants must be able to tell the difference between different kinds of flavours. <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ For this reason, Green & Black's is looking for someone with 'a good nose'. A company representative says that they have no preference over men or women for the job, and that age is not important. According to experts, however, women are usually more sensitive to taste than men. They also say that we lose our sense of taste as we get older. For this reason, the successful applicant is likely to be young and female.

# **Dream job for chocolate lovers**

The first stage in the selection process will be an interview. <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Here, they must identify the flavours of chocolate bars that the company has prepared specially. They will not be able to see the chocolate that they have to taste. The final stage will be a live 'Taste Challenge' in which the five best candidates will take part. The prize for the winner will be the Taste Assistant job.

Green & Black's are asking those who are interested in the post to send in a CV with a covering letter. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ The company will hold interviews two weeks later in the first week of January. The successful candidate can expect to start work in their new job early next year.

**5** Read the text again. Underline the word or words in the sentences after the gaps that refer back to the missing sentences.

## Grammar and vocabulary

6 Choose the correct answers.

# HOW TO GET YOURSELF NOTICED

Marketing graduate Alfred Ajani, aged 22, applied unsuccessfully for over three hundred positions when he finished university. It seemed that the only posts available were for <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ temporary jobs. Alfred wanted something <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, so he decided to try a different approach. 'If I give people my CV in person, perhaps <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a job,' he thought. He went to London's Waterloo Station and <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at the entrance with a pile of CVs and a card advertising his services. At first, commuters were a <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ suspicious, but then they started going up to him to ask what he <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. During the day, he met some very interesting people. When he got home, Alfred received a phone call about a marketing job in Barcelona. He was <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ because his plan had worked. He <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ an interview for the job next week. If he <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the job, he'll be able to work using his studies. Of course, he <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ learn a new language too.

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 a badly-paid  | b creative    | c rewarding        |
| 2 a the best    | b better      | c best             |
| 3 a I'm getting | b I'll get    | c I got            |
| 4 a stood       | b stands      | c standing         |
| 5 a bit         | b few         | c lot              |
| 6 a do          | b had done    | c was doing        |
| 7 a confused    | b delighted   | c disappointed     |
| 8 a would have  | b have        | c 's going to have |
| 9 a get         | b will get    | c gets             |
| 10 a had to     | b 'll have to | c have to          |













# SHERLOCK HOLMES

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the picture of Sherlock Holmes below. Describe his appearance using the words below to help you. What do you know about him? Can you describe his character?

coat deerstalker hat examine  
magnifying glass pipe

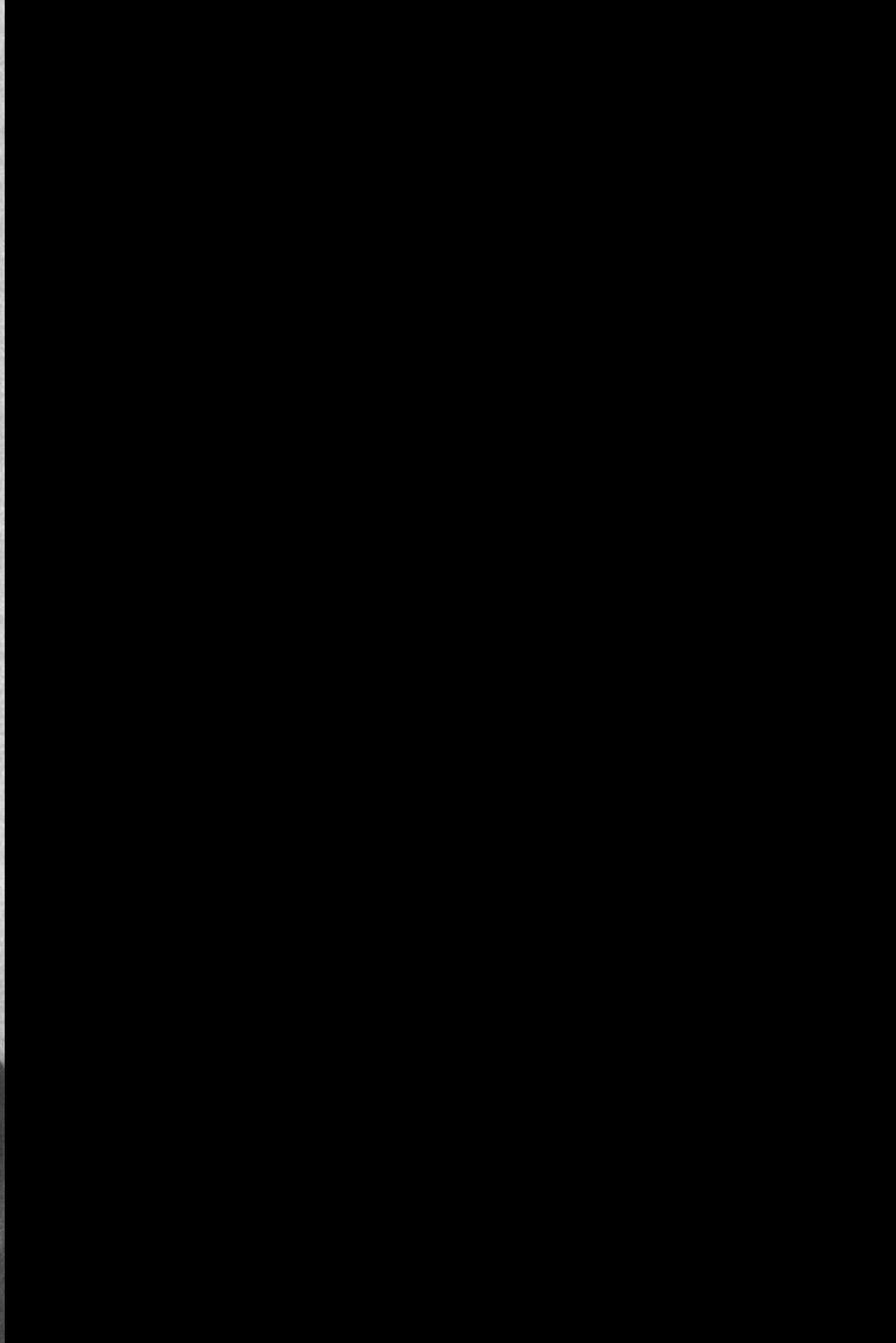




## 2 Do the Sherlock Holmes quiz.

- 1 When were the Sherlock Holmes stories written?
  - a between 1847 and 1887
  - b between 1887 and 1927
  - c between 1927 and 1967
- 2 Who wrote the stories?
  - a Agatha Christie
  - b Stephen King
  - c Arthur Conan Doyle
- 3 What is the name of Holmes's assistant?
  - a Dr Watson
  - b Mr Watson
  - c Professor Watson
- 4 What is Holmes's address in London?
  - a 221b Bank Street
  - b 221b Bond Street
  - c 221b Baker Street
- 5 Who is Holmes's worst enemy?
  - a Professor Moriarty
  - b Mrs Baker
  - c Irene Adler
- 6 What musical instrument does Holmes play?
  - a trumpet
  - b guitar
  - c violin
- 7 What was Watson's job before he met Holmes?
  - a army officer
  - b teacher
  - c lawyer
- 8 What is Holmes's most famous line?
  - a I've got it, Watson!
  - b Elementary, my dear Watson!
  - c Simple, Watson!









**ARTHUR  
CONAN  
DOYLE**


### 3 Read the fact file and check your answers to the quiz in exercise 2.

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## SHERLOCK HOLMES: FACT FILE

- \* The author of the Sherlock Holmes stories was Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930). He was born in Scotland and studied medicine at Edinburgh University. He worked as a doctor but in his spare time he wrote detective stories.
- \* He wrote the first Sherlock Holmes story in 1887. His detective hero lives at 221b Baker Street in London.
- \* Holmes is tall and thin, with a long, sharp face. He usually wears a deerstalker hat, smokes a pipe or cigarettes, and carries a magnifying glass. He is extremely intelligent and is a brilliant violinist.
- \* Holmes's assistant is Dr Watson, an ex-army officer. Watson is less intelligent than Holmes. In one Sherlock Holmes film, when Watson asks Holmes how he solved a crime, Holmes's famous reply is 'Elementary, my dear Watson!'
- \* Holmes's greatest enemy is Professor Moriarty. At the end of one story, they both die. But Doyle's fans were so upset that he had to bring Holmes back to life in another story!



4  3.31 Listen to an interview with a TV and film critic. Complete each sentence with one word.

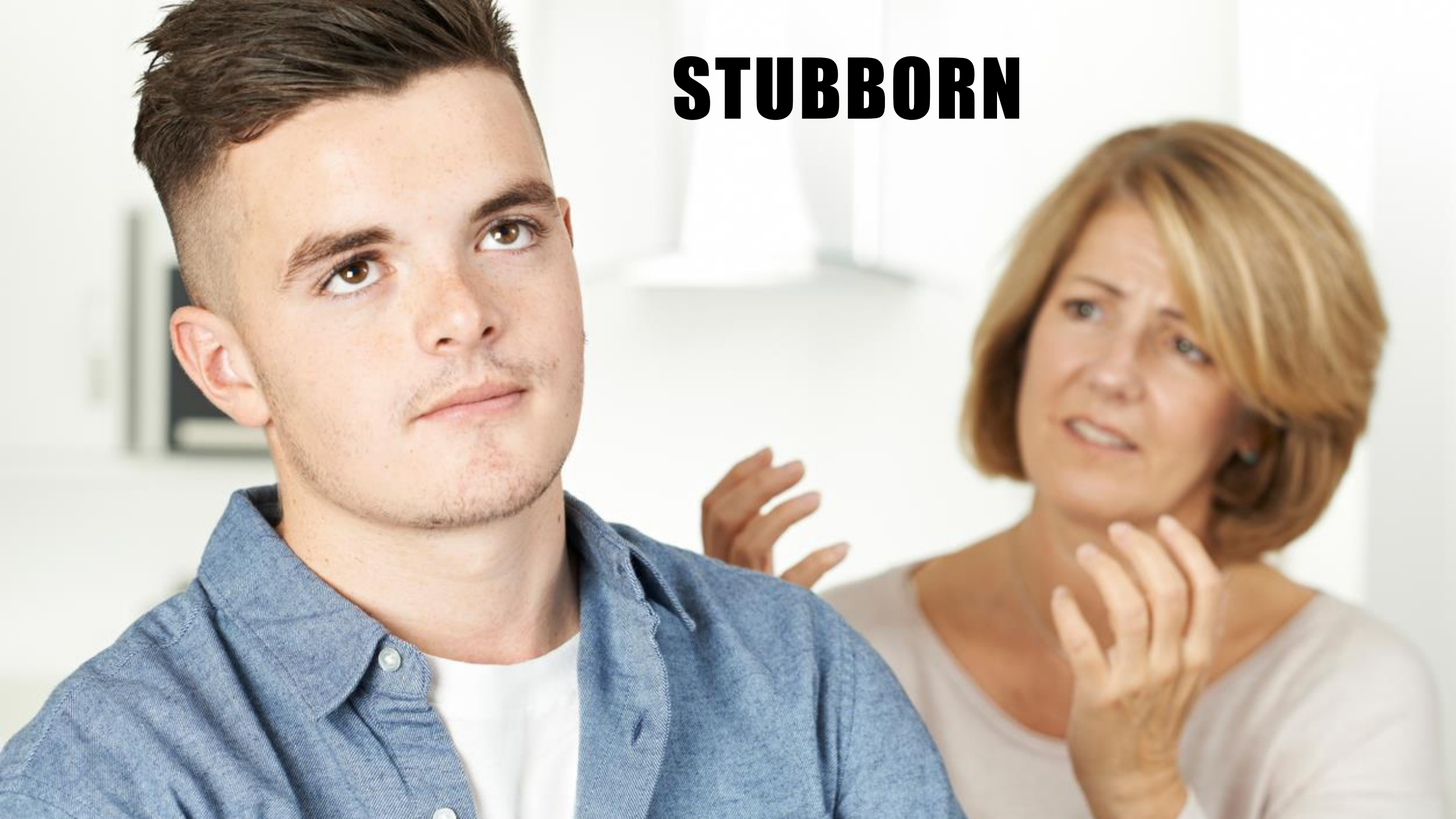
- 1 The character of Holmes has been played by at least \_\_\_\_\_ different actors.
- 2 Holmes's personality is what makes the stories \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 His coldness and lack of sympathy are evidence of a \_\_\_\_\_ side to his character.
- 4 When Holmes is feeling depressed, he sometimes goes to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In *Elementary*, the American TV drama, Watson is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 In the original stories, Holmes isn't interested in women, but in *Elementary*, he has \_\_\_\_\_.







**STUBBORN**







**CYNICAL**







**ARROGANT**





**VAIN**






5 **VOCABULARY** Below is a list of qualities that Sherlock Holmes possesses. Check the meanings and put them into two groups, positive and negative.

**Personality adjectives** arrogant brave cold confident  
curious cynical easily bored imaginative intelligent  
logical observant proud stubborn unemotional  
unsympathetic vain



6  3.31 Listen again. Write down the qualities in exercise 5 that the film critic mentions.

**7 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss the questions. Give reasons for your opinions.

- 1 Have you read any Sherlock Holmes stories, or seen any on television or in the cinema? Did you enjoy them? What happens in the stories?
- 2 Do you like reading crime stories or watching crime dramas on TV? Which ones are popular in your country?

**8 INTERNET RESEARCH** Find out about a famous fictional detective. Describe his / her appearance and personality. Say why you like or dislike his / her personality.



# DO YOU REMEMBER CRIME WRITERS?

