

## Exercises of Activity Book

### Grammar

#### The Past Simple

#### Irregular verbs

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the irregular verbs in the brackets.

Perry Mason is a famous fictional detective. Earle Stanley Gardner (1) **made** this character. He (2) **wrote** more than 80 Perry Mason novels. Perry Mason's task (3) **was** to defend a client on trial for murder. In the end, Mason always (4) **found** proof of their innocence. Gardner (5) **sold** 135 million copies of the books in America alone, in the year of his death, 1969.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box below (regular and irregular).

Pass enjoy be read help write solve

Mahmoud Salem (1) **was** born in Alexandria in 1929. He (2) **wrote** useful and entertaining works of literature for children. One of his best detective series was "The Five Adventures which was about five heroes who (3) **solved** mysteries. Many generations of women and men who (4) **read** this series as children (5) **passed** them down to their children and grandchildren. Young readers (6) **enjoyed** his stories because there was no physical violence in them. His detective series showed values such as courage, justice and cooperation. They (7) **helped** the children to use their imagination and think logically by analyzing the events in order to find clues for solving mysteries.

## The Comparative

3 Write the adjectives in the correct column.

Short logical big thin professional important intelligent  
wise  
Hard pleasant bad happy wide small kind good safe

| Adjectives that form the comparative ... |                     |   |  |                                      |                        |
|--|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| by adding <i>-er</i>                     | by adding <i>-r</i> | by doubling final consonant and adding <i>-er</i> | by dropping <i>-y</i> and adding <i>-ier</i> | by adding <i>more ... / less ...</i> | irregular comparatives |
| short-shorter                            | wise-wiser          | big-bigger  | happy-happier                                | more/less logical                    | bad-worse              |
| hard-harder                              | wide-wider          | thin-thinner                                      |  | more/less professional               | good-better            |
| small-smaller                            | safe-safer          |   |  | More/less important                  |                        |
| kind-kinder                              |                     |   |  | more/less intelligent                |                        |
|  |                     |   |  | more/less pleasant                   |                        |

4 Complete the text with the correct form of the comparatives (more/less).

Sherlock Holmes was (1) **more perceptive** than Watson. That's why, Watson was (2) **less successful** than Holmes in his attempts at solving cases; he was (3) **less attentive** to details than Holmes. As Holmes said, Watson saw but he did not observe. However, Watson was naturally (4) **more honest** and (5) **more practical**, while Holmes was (6) **more mysterious**.

## The Superlative

5 Write the adjectives in the correct column.

famous short logical hot pleasant well-known  
professional interesting boring wise hard good happy  
small kind bad wide

| Adjectives that form the superlative ... |                      |  |   |                            |                        |
|--|----------------------|--|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| by adding <i>-est</i>                    | by adding <i>-st</i> | by doubling final consonant and adding <i>-est</i> | by dropping <i>-y</i> and adding <i>-iest</i> | adding <i>the most ...</i> | irregular superlatives |
| kind–kindest                             | wise–wisest          | hot–hottest  | happy–happiest                                | the most famous            | well-known–best-known  |
| short–shortest                           | wide–widest          |  |   | the most logical           | good–best              |
| hard–hardest                             |                      |  |   | the most pleasant          |                        |
| small–smallest                           |                      |  |   | the most professional      | bad–worst              |
|  |                      |  |   | the most interesting       |                        |
|  |                      |  |   | the most boring            |                        |

6 complete the text with the superlative form of the adjectives.

What were the characteristics of the (1) **most famous** detective?

Sherlock Holmes was the (2) **most intelligent** detective in the world.

Watson was Holmes' (3) **most loyal** friend. He considered Holmes to be the (4) **worst** roommate in London because he was very untidy. However, he didn't have Holmes' brain, which was the (5) **most logical** of his time, so his success was limited.

7 Use these words to make question. Then answer them.

1. intelligent / Who / the / history / ? / is / detective / in / most

**Who is the most intelligent detective in history?**

**Sherlock Holmes is the most intelligent detective in history**

2. Mahmoud Salem / ? / which / the / detective / is / of / series / best

**Which is the best detective series of Mahmoud Salem?**

**The best detective series of Mahmoud Salem is "The Five Adventures".**

3. novel / more / which / thrilling / : / romantic / is / novel / or /  
detective / ? / a / a

Which is more thrilling: a romantic novel or a detective novel?

A detective novel is more thrilling than a romantic novel.

4. useful / more / detective / ? / Whose / children / are / for / series

Whose detective series are more useful for children?

Mahmoud Salem's detective series are more useful for children?

5. detective / is / Who / most / the / famous / in / ? / history

Who is the most famous detective in history?

Sherlock Holmes is the most famous detective in history.

8 Use these notes to write a paragraph.

Who / Sherlock Holmes' / (great) enemy? It / Professor Moriarty.  
He / the (bad) criminal in the stories of Sherlock Holmes. He (not  
like) Sherlock Holmes and he (want) to stop his detective work.

People (say) he / a genius. He / a scientist who (work) in a  
university. Some people (think) he / (intelligent) Holmes (defeat)  
him. Moriarty (successful) than Holmes.

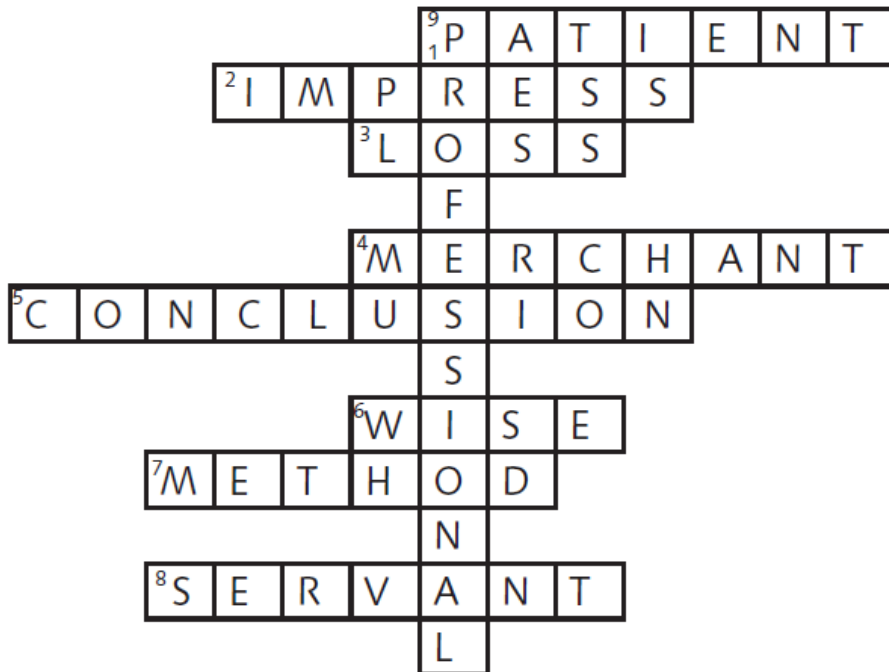
Who was Sherlock Holmes' greatest enemy? It ....

Who was Sherlock Holmes' greatest enemy? It was Professor Moriarty. He was the worst criminal in the stories of Sherlock Holmes. He did not like Sherlock Holmes and he wanted to stop his detective work. People said he was a genius. He was a scientist who worked in a university. Some people thought he was

more intelligent than Holmes, but Holmes defeated him. Moriarty was less successful than Holmes.

### Vocabulary Corner

9 Read the clues 1-8 and write the words horizontally in the puzzle. You are given the first letter.



10 Read vertically the word for number.

9. Write its clue.

9 PROFESSIONAL