

# Sherlock Holmes

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Sherlock Holmes is a fictional character. He was created by the British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes is a very well-known character. In fact, the only fictional character to have appeared in more movies than Sherlock Holmes is Dracula. Holmes is a very clever character. He is known for his logical thinking, his ability to make himself look different using disguises, and using science to solve difficult problems. Doyle wrote four novels about Sherlock Holmes. He also wrote 56 short stories.

The first Sherlock Holmes novel was called "A Study in Scarlet". This was published in 1887. The second was called "The Sign of the Four". This was published three years later in 1890. Holmes started to become a popular character when Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a series of short stories. These stories appeared in The Strand Magazine in 1891. Even today, many people know some of the phrases Holmes used. Two well-known phrases are "elementary" and "My dear Watson". However, many people might be surprised to hear that Holmes actually never said, "Elementary my dear Watson."

1. Sherlock Holmes was created by the British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
  - a) True
  - b) False
2. How many short Sherlock Holmes stories did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle write?
  - a) 55
  - b) 56
  - c) 57
3. What was the name of the first Sherlock Holmes novel?
  - a) A Study in Scarlet
  - b) The Sign of the Four
  - c) The Strand Magazine
4. Holmes frequently said "Elementary my dear Watson."
  - a) True
  - b) False

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b)

