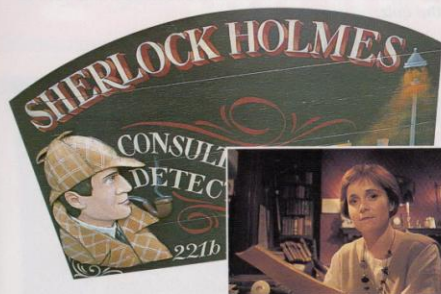


## SECTION TWO

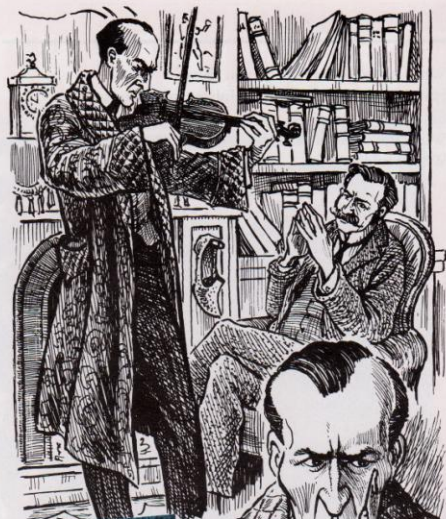
(to Amanda: In fact, he was the original Superman!)



WHAT COULD SHERLOCK HOLMES DO?

**Holmes had many abilities. Tick the correct ones, using the pictures to help you.**

- a) He was an expert in biology. ☐
- b) He was an expert in chemistry. ☐
- c) He was a scientist. ☐
- d) He investigated crime like a scientist. ☐
- e) He was a very good driver. ☐
- f) He was strong and athletic. ☐
- g) He was a good boxer. ☐
- h) He was a great philosopher. ☐
- i) He was an expert on English literature. ☐
- j) He was a master of disguise. ☐
- k) He was a superb violinist. ☐

▶ **Watch and check.**

## SECTION THREE

(to Amanda: ... 'more a machine than a man'.)

WAS HOLMES A HAPPY MAN?

» **FOCUS ON LANGUAGE** «

**past simple**

Fill in the gaps using verbs from the box. Put them in the past simple (positive or negative).

fall in love	understand	spend
describe	say	marry
be (x3)	become	think
		share
		take (x2)

**Amanda:** Although he \_\_\_\_\_ very clever and successful, Holmes \_\_\_\_\_ a rather sad person. He \_\_\_\_\_ everyday life \_\_\_\_\_ boring and depressing. When he was feeling miserable or bored, he \_\_\_\_\_ all day in bed. And sometimes he \_\_\_\_\_ drugs.

**Holmes:** Drugs?

**Amanda:** Yes. He \_\_\_\_\_ cocaine – before it \_\_\_\_\_ illegal, of course. He \_\_\_\_\_ his flat with his only friend, Dr Watson. Holmes never \_\_\_\_\_, and he never \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ women. Dr Watson \_\_\_\_\_ him as 'a brain without a heart', 'more a machine than a man'.

▶ **Watch and check.**

## SECTION FOUR

(to the end)

WHO WROTE THE HOLMES STORIES?

▶ **Watch and then answer these questions.**

1 What was Arthur Conan Doyle's job?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2 In the story called *The Final Problem*, how did Holmes die?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Holmes and Moriarty at the Reichenbach Falls



3 What did Conan Doyle think of his Sherlock Holmes stories?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4 Why did he decide to kill off Holmes?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5 Why did he have to bring Holmes back to life?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Review

Read the summary and fill in the gaps using the adjectives in the box.

intelligent	illegal	upset
depressing	everyday	athletic
famous	serious	superb
sad	bored	

Sherlock Holmes is the most \_\_\_\_\_ detective in the world. He lived at 221b Baker Street with his only friend, Dr Watson. Holmes was very \_\_\_\_\_, and he had many abilities. He was strong and \_\_\_\_\_, and he was a \_\_\_\_\_ violinist.

But there was another side to his character: he was a rather \_\_\_\_\_ person. He thought that \_\_\_\_\_ life was \_\_\_\_\_. When he was feeling \_\_\_\_\_, he sometimes took drugs – before they became \_\_\_\_\_, of course! He never fell in love, and he never married. His friend, Watson, described him as 'a brain without a heart'.

The author of the Holmes stories, Arthur Conan Doyle, didn't think his Sherlock Holmes stories were very \_\_\_\_\_. But his readers were very \_\_\_\_\_ when he killed Holmes off, so he had to carry on writing detective stories for the rest of his life.

