

Famous Fictional Characters



Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes is one of the most famous fictional detectives in English literature. In the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Holmes uses logic and **forensic science** to **solve** the most difficult crimes. He shares his flat at 221b Baker Street, London, with his friend Dr John Watson. Holmes is very intelligent but also **arrogant** and quite **eccentric**. His flat is very messy but he can always find important things in it. When he works very hard on a case, he **doesn't** eat any food but he often plays the violin for many hours. He is also very good at **disguising** himself, and sometimes even Dr Watson can't **recognise** him. Even today, more than one hundred years after Conan Doyle wrote the stories, fans write to Holmes at 221b Baker Street and ask for his advice.



Paddington Bear

Michael Bond wrote his Paddington Bear stories in the 1950s and '60s. Paddington is a talking bear from 'deepest, darkest Peru'. In the first story, the Brown family finds a bear at London's Paddington Station. He is wearing a blue coat and a red hat and carrying an old brown suitcase. There is a label on his coat with the words: 'Please look after this bear'. The family takes him home and names him Paddington after the station. Although he is very friendly, he can also give a special 'hard **stare**' to people if he thinks they are doing something wrong. Paddington loves marmalade sandwiches and often has some spare sandwiches in his coat pocket. He often gets into trouble because he **doesn't** understand British customs or culture but of course there is always a happy ending to every Paddington story.



Bilbo Baggins

J. R. R. Tolkien wrote about a fictional **race** of creatures called hobbits in his books *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*. A hobbit looks like a human being, but it is about half the size and has very hairy feet! Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit and he is the main character in *The Hobbit*. He loves his comfortable home, warm fires and lots of delicious food. But then he has to leave his home when a strange group of **dwarves** and a **wizard** called Gandalf give him a special and important task. He goes on a long journey and discovers that he is brave and clever. His **ability** to solve **puzzles** and **riddles** helps him several times when he is in danger. Although he loves adventure, Bilbo always dreams of returning home to his comfortable house and eating a meal of bacon and eggs.

1 Pracujcie w parach. Przeczytajcie szybko teksty i wyszukajcie imiona poniższych postaci.

- 1 a bear from Peru
- 2 a very clever detective
- 3 a hobbit

2 Przeczytaj tekst ponownie. Napisz imię postaci pasujące do opisu.

- 1 He likes bacon and eggs.
- 2 He likes marmalade sandwiches.
- 3 He doesn't eat when he's working.
- 4 He wears a red hat.
- 5 He often wears different clothes.
- 6 He plays the violin.
- 7 He is good at puzzles.
- 8 He doesn't live in London.

Glossary:

forensic science – medycyna sądowa
solve – rozwiązać
arrogant – arogancki, niezdolny
eccentric – ekscentryczny, dziwny
disguise – przebierać się
recognise – rozpoznawać
stare – spojrzenie
race – rasa, nacja
dwarf – krasnal
wizard – czarodziej
ability – umiejętność
puzzle – tajemnica, łamigłówka
riddle – zagadka



Check your memory

Zakryj tekst. Połącz poniższe imiona z właściwą postacią: Sherlock Holmes, Paddington lub Bilbo Baggins.

- 1 The Brown family
- 2 Gandalf
- 3 Dr John Watson



My turn

Opisz postać literacką ze swojej ulubionej książki.

- 1 the character's appearance
- 2 the character's personality
- 3 why you like this character