



Introduction (taken from Wikipedia)

Sherlock is a British television crime drama that presents a contemporary update of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes detective stories. It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes and Martin Freeman as Doctor John Watson. Critical reception has been highly positive, with many reviews praising the quality of

the writing, performances, and direction. *Sherlock* has been nominated for numerous awards, including BAFTAs, Emmys, and a Golden Globe, winning several awards across a variety of categories. The show was conceived by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss during train journeys to and from the *Doctor Who* production base in Cardiff, where they were both writers. They aspired to produce a modern-day version of Conan Doyle's stories in which Sherlock uses the technologies that are available to him today in order to find things out and solve crimes. [...] The series is primarily filmed in Cardiff, although the production also uses a variety of other locations. North Gower Street in London was used for exterior shots of Holmes and Watson's 221B Baker Street residence.

The Characters



Sherlock Holmes is the most brilliant detective ever and the police often come to him for help. Unfortunately, Sherlock Holmes isn't always easy to deal with.



Dr John Watson was an army doctor in Afghanistan before returning to London after he was injured. His life changes when he meets Sherlock Holmes.



Detective Inspector (DI) Greg Lestrade is a detective with Scotland Yard. When he starts investigating four mysterious deaths, he knows that he needs Sherlock's help.



Sergeant Sally Donovan is a police officer who works with Lestrade. She dislikes and distrusts Sherlock Holmes.



Mrs Hudson is Sherlock's landlady at her flat in Baker Street. Years ago, Sherlock helped her when she was in a difficult situation.



Molly Hooper is a pathologist (= a scientist who examines the causes of death). She often helps Sherlock in her laboratory.

The Locations

221b Baker Street, London



The Sherlock Holmes Museum in Meiringen

***Tasks***

1. Watch the prologue. What do we find out about John Watson? Fill in the information in the table on page 3.

2. Read the beginning of chapter 1 (separate page). Answer the questions.
 - a. Why is DI Lestrade talking to the press?
Because Beth Davenport was found dead.

 - b. Why do they believe there's a connection between the three deaths? Name three reasons.
It was the same poison and every one was at a place where they shouldn't be.

 - c. When Sgt. Donovan sees the message on her phone, she crossly tells the press to ignore it. Translate "to be cross" into German (without the use of a dictionary).

3. Watch on and fill in the rest of the table: What do we know about the following characters?
What is their role in the story?



John Watson:



DI Lestrade:



Mike Stamford:



Molly Hooper:



Sherlock Holmes:

4. The Science of Deduction: How Sherlock found out everything about Watson: Fill in the missing parts in the tables.

Sherlock's observations	Sherlock's deductions
haircut and upright (= aufrecht) way of standing	military
knows laboratories	trained at barts -> army doctor
has a tan	was abroad
tan ends at the wrist	he wasn't on vacation
limps, but isn't in pain when standing	has an injury, but partly forgets about it → psychosomatic
injury is psychosomatic, which is usually caused in traumatic circumstance	therapist / war injury

→ Watson is an ex-army doctor who was injured in the Afghanistan war

Sherlock's observations	Sherlock's deductions
Watson is looking for a flatmate, but has an expensive phone	Watson doesn't have a lot of money (needs to share a flat) → it's not his phone → it must be a gift
scratches on the phone	it's not a luxury item → there was a previous owner
engraving: "Harry Watson"	the phone belonged to a family member but not father (mobile for young people) → brother

→ Watson has a brother who gave him the mobile phone

Sherlock's observations	Sherlock's deductions
engraving: "from Clara XXX"	his brother had a romantic relationship with a person called Clara
expensive phone	wife (and not girlfriend) gave brother the phone
new model, but already given away	relationship problems
brother gave phone away and didn't keep it as a memory	he left her

→ Watson's brother was married to Clara; he has left her

Sherlock's observations	Sherlock's deductions
brother gave Watson the mobile phone to stay in touch, but Watson doesn't go to him to find a place to stay	bad relationship
there are scratches at the power connection of the mobile phone	brother is an alcoholic

→ Watson has a bad relationship with his brother because of his brother's drinking problem

Jennifer Wilson

5. The Pink Lady: What does Sherlock find out about the "Pink Lady" and how does he know? List as many things as you can.

- had a suitcase : splash marks on her leg

- she's from Cardiff : coat is damp, umbrella is dry
↳ rain & strong wind

- wedding ring : clean inside & dirty outside → had a lover → unhappily married bc. other jewelry is clean

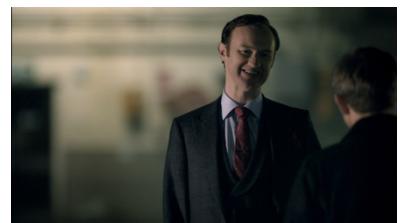
- she was writing rachel



6. The Mysterious Man: How does the show create a feeling of danger before and when Watson meets the mysterious man?

- a. Text: focus on content: What does the mysterious man say?

- he's the biggest enemy of Sherlock
- he can control cameras
- an empty telephonebox was ringing
- he wants some information about Sherlock



- b. Film: focus on technical aspects (light, camera positions, etc.)



- Cameras
- beginning: no music ; later: music
- sf: shaking camera
- beginning: man is in the dark

7. Watch on and collect information on the following aspects:

 - a. "Rachel"
 - b. Jennifer Wilson's mobile phone
 - c. the murderer's motives
 - d. the relationship between Sherlock and Watson
 - e. the mysterious man