Everyone has read stories about Sherlock Holmes, the most famous detective of all times. In every story Holmes always showed his great ability as a detective immediately by telling the whole history of a person simply by looking at that person. Holmes looked at a man s hands. He noticed a small mark on the man's neck. Holmes knew at once that the man had been a soldier that he spent four years in India, etc.

The author of all the Sherlock Holmes stories was sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Once sir Arthur was in Paris. He was going from a railroad station to the hotel in a taxi. When he arrived at a hotel, he paid the taxi-driver.

«Thank you very much, sir Arthur Conan Doyle», said the taxi-driver smiling.

The famous writer was very much surprised to learn that the taxi-driver knew his name.

«Well, sir, I read in the newspaper yesterday that you were coming to Paris from the South of France. The train on which you arrived came from the south of France. Your clothes and especially your hat, told me that you were English. I put all this together and I understood at once that you were sir Arthur Conan Doyle».

«That is wonderful», said Conan Doyle. «With so few facts you were really able to know me?»

«Of course», said the taxi-driver.» Your name is on both your travelling bags. That also helped».

1. Закончите предложение в соответствии с содержанием прочитанного текста.

The story describes...

1) Conan Doyle's characters.

2) the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

3) Conan Doyle's family.

4) an incident from Conan Doyle's life.

2. Уточните.

Conan Doyle was...

1) visiting his relatives in Paris. 2) travelling about France.

3) working as a taxi-driver in Paris. 4) doing shopping in Paris.

3. Выберите неверное утверждение.

1) Sherlock Holmes is one of Conan Doyle's characters

2) Once Conan Doyle happened to be in Paris

3) Conan Doyle was a well known writer

4) Conan Doyle was a detective by profession

4. Дайте верную характеристику.

Conan Doyle is recognized in the world as a master of...

1) scientific publications 2) newspaper reports

3) plays for theater 4) detective stories

5. Определите, какой из предлагаемых вариантов является ответом на вопрос:

Why was Conan Doyle surprised?

1) The taxi-driver recognized him.

2) The taxi-driver spoke English.

3) The taxi-driver knew where he lived.

4) The taxi-driver didn’t know the way.

6. Выберите ответ на вопрос:

Who is a detective in this story?

1) Sherlock Holmes, one of the characters of Conan Doyle's stories.

2) A man, working in the police.

3) The taxi-driver, who could read the writer's name on his travelling bags.

4) Conan Doyle, who wrote detective stories.