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A famous ________________ Sherlock Holmes was born (on) ________________, during _______________reign. He spent his childhood in ________________, with his parents and his older brother ________________. He __________ at London University and then became a ________________. He then moved to _________________.

Later his deductions and ________________ became legendary. ________________ wrote that his friend Holmes smoked the ________________, used ________________, played the violin and did chemical ________________ in his flat.

Nobody knows when and how he ____________.

All of this is ________________ of course: Sherlock Holmes never ________________ and __________ only the hero in ________________ stories written by _________________.

But the museum at 221b Baker street exists (it opened about __________ years ago) and thousands of ____________visit it every year.

II. Lire et comprendre la biographie d’une personne célèbre :

Circle the correct phrase (more than one can be correct):

a) Sherlock Holmes was famous for :

- □ His intelligence  □ his musical talent  □ his personality

b) Doctor Watson wrote about:

- □ Sherlock Holmes  □ diseases  □ never existed

c) Sherlock Holmes was born in :

- □ the 17th Century  □ the 18th Century  □ the 19th Century
d) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle :
☐ opened the museum ☐ was a writer ☐ was a consulting detective

e) 221b Baker Street was Sherlock Holmes’ :
☐ home ☐ bakery ☐ place of birth

III. Situer une action dans le temps en utilisant ‘ago’:

Lisez les exemples suivants et répondez aux questions.

a) Sherlock Holmes was born 160 years ago.
b) How long ago did they arrive in London?

1. Qu’introduit ‘ago’ ? :
Le temps qui s’est écoulé depuis l’évènement ? / une date précise/ le temps qu’a duré l’évènement ?

2. Où se place-t-il par rapport à la précision de temps ?

Pour faire une question concernant une action/un fait passé, daté on utilise :

PRACTISE

1) Voici des évènements datés. Reformulez les dates en calculant le temps écoulé et en utilisant ‘ago’.

EX: Horace Jones finished Tower bridge in 1894, that is (i. e. = c’est à dire) 116 years ago.

a) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote the first Sherlock Holmes book in 1887, that is ___________________.
b) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle lived in the 19th century that is ___________________.

c) Benedict Cumberbatch played the part of Sherlock in Steve Moffat and Mark Gatiss’ modern version in 2010, that is ___________________.

Elementary my dear Watson !