AN INTRODUCTION TO SHERLOCK HOLMES

I. Fill in the blanks to get the essential of Sherlock Holmes' biography:

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.

existed (in the flesh) – died – investigations - John Watson - detective – visitors
studied – 6th January 1854 – experiments – Queen Victoria's – drugs – pure fiction -
consulting detective – pipe – 30 – is – Mycroft – the countryside – London
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - detective

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

Circle the correct phrase (more than one can be correct):
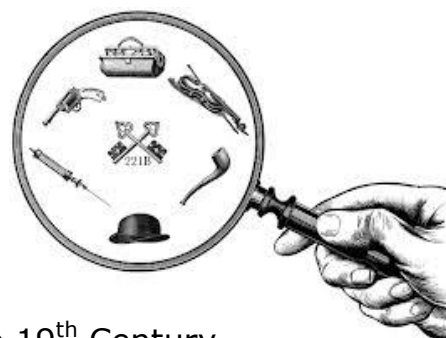
a) Sherlock Holmes was famous for :
□ His intelligence   □ his musical talent   □ his personality

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 !