# Summative Assessment for the term 2

# Reading

## Read the article about Agatha Christie.

**Agatha Christie – her life and work**



**GROWING UP**

Agatha Christie was born in 1890 to a rich family in the south west of England. She spent a lot

of her early childhood alone, with few friends, because her mother decided to teach her at home. She was interested in books, and loved reading, and started writing at an early age.

**EARLY DAYS AS A WRITER**

She married her first husband in 1914. A publishing company published her first novel featuring the famous Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, in 1919. He appeared in 33 of her novels and in 54 short stories but she never liked him!

**FOREIGN ADVENTURES**

After her divorce in 1926, Agatha Christie married an archaeologist and she developed a great interest in archaeology. She and her husband travelled together to many exotic

countries and she set a lot of her most successful murder mysteries in those places.

**WELL-LOVED CHARACTERS**

Agatha Christie’s other famous detective, after Hercule Poirot, was Miss Jane Marple. Poirot appeared in more novels than Miss Marple, but Christie much preferred Miss Marple as

a character. She used her grandmother as the model for Miss Marple!

**RECORD-BREAKING STATISTICS**

Agatha Christie, the ‘queen of crime’, died in 1976 at the age of 85. She is the best-selling novelist of all time: her 66 detective

novels and 14 short story collections are available in more than 100 languages; and sales of her books are approximately 4 billion copies. Her famous play *The Mousetrap* opened in London in 1952 and it was still on in 2015 – an unbelievable 63 years later! No play has ever achieved

that before!

## Answer the questions. Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

**0** Why didn’t Agatha Christie have many friends when she was young?

**a** She lived in an area far from other children.

**b** She didn’t attend school with other children.

**c** She didn’t have the same interests as other

children.

1. The detective Hercule Poirot
   1. was in all of her books.
   2. was created after her first marriage.
   3. was one of her favourite characters.
2. After her second marriage, Agatha **a** discovered a lot of new hobbies. **b** travelled a lot alone.

**c** travelled a lot in other parts of the world.

1. What does the article say about the character Miss Marple?
2. She was similar to Agatha’s grandma.
3. Agatha didn’t like her as much as Poirot.
4. She was in more books than Agatha’s other characters.
5. What does the article say about Agatha’s books?
6. You can buy them in more languages than any other book.
7. She has sold more than any other writer.
8. She wrote more short stories than novels.
9. The article says the play showing in London,

*The Mousetrap*

1. is the longest play in history.
2. is the most famous play in London.
3. was on for more than 60 years.

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# Writing

## Write a story about a strange or unusual event. Use the prompts to help you.



When? Where? Who? What / doing? How / end?

**Write about 70–80 words.**

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