

# AT SCHOOL WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES



On Monday 19th March our class went into the school auditorium to watch the show "SHERLOCK HOLMES -THE PERFECT CRIME" in original language. We had already known the famous detective during the Literature lessons, when we had read some stories with Sherlock Holmes and his faithful assistant Doctor Watson.



So it was easier for us to understand the plot. The performed story was "The Perfect crime", which has some links with "The hound of Baskerville".

**SHERLOCK HOLMES** had an eccentric personality. His fame is due to his ability as a detective, but also to his curved pipe, his hunter hat, his magnifying glass and his sentence: "Elementary Watson!". The actors showed him exactly like this.



**THE PLOT** The show started with a gunshot behind the curtains.

Two policemen of Scotland Yard search for Charles Baskerville. They find his dead body on the moor. Strangely he has only one shoe. He was killed with a pistol. They think Sir Charles was mistaken for a rabbit by a hunter, who shot him.



Sir Charles was a very rich man. He had a son, Sir Henry, and a daughter, Miss Samantha. Sir Henry will receive father's heritage, even if Samantha doesn't agree. Brother and sister have a long argument about the heritage.

Scotland Yard isn't able to find out the guilty, so Henry and Samantha call the famous detective Sherlock Holmes to investigate and solve the mystery. The detective is in London and he cannot be there, so Watson goes for him to the Baskerville House.

When he arrives there, he begins to talk with the members of the family, included James, the butler. When Holmes arrives, Watson relates him on his own discoveries. In the meantime they hear a sound of broken window, a horse and a scream. Holmes and Watson find a catapult and a candlestick. Also Sir Henry is dead.

**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**

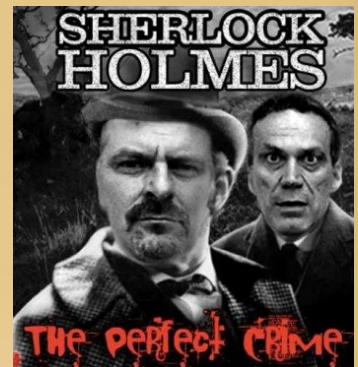
Watson finds the missing shoe under Samantha's bed: so Samantha could be the murderer. In the afternoon she is found dead, with a pistol in her left hand. It is a very strange thing: she wasn't left-handed. Holmes and Watson discover that there is another heir, an Italian cousin whose name is Gennaro Moriati.

Gennaro has got a pizzeria in Naples and Watson decides to meet him. When he arrives there, Watson explains the situation to Gennaro: now he is the new heir of the Baskerville fortune. They both decide to return to England.

Even if Moriati keeps on saying he can't speak English, Holmes soon realizes he is a liar. When Moriati signs the heritage contract, the detective discovers he speaks a fluent English and he is left-handed: the case is solved. Holmes and Watson take off Moriati's wig, unmasking the real murderer! "Elementary guys!!!"



**THE SHOW** The company is formed by three actors: two English native speakers, which played Holmes, Watson, Sir Henry and Miss Samantha, and one Italian actor, from Naples, which played Moriati and the Baskerville's butler. The setting and the costumes were very simple but cool! The music were very interesting! The actors made a lot of changes to the original story: it was a good choice because the show was very funny. Both the gestures and the face expressions were really comic. The texts were full of nonsense and the jokes were very frequent. We had a good laugh!



Moreover we were transformed into detectives; everybody tried to find out the murderer. During the show the actors took two guys from the audience and brought them on the stage. After some short instructions they became perfect actors. It was really funny to see two of us on the stage.



After the show there was the question time (obviously IN ENGLISH!). We understood almost everything, but at the end of the show we were tired: English isn't our native language yet!!!

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