

FICTIONAL DETECTIVES TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> First appearing in 1887, which fictional detective was created by a Scottish author and physician who was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh Medical School?

- a. Rorschach
- b. Sherlock Holmes
- c. Tintin
- d. Hercule Poirot

2> Created by William Link and Richard Levinson, which TV homicide detective series starred Peter Falk?

- a. Barnaby Jones
- b. The Rockford Files
- c. Columbo
- d. Magnum, P.I.

3> First published in 1927 and still selling over a million copies a year, which book series features two teenage amateur detectives named Frank and Joe?

- a. Encyclopedia Brown
- b. The Borrowers
- c. The Hardy Boys
- d. The Boxcar Children

4> Fond of Tootsie Roll Pops, which TV police detective often used the catchphrase, "Who loves ya, baby?"?

- a. Kojak
- b. Tony Baretta
- c. Frank Cannon
- d. Sam McCloud

5> Which fictional private detective is the main protagonist of Dashiell Hammett's 1930 novel, *The Maltese Falcon*?

- a. Amelia Peabody
- b. Ellery Queen
- c. Nick Charles
- d. Sam Spade

6> Starring Jim Carrey, which 1994 comedy detective film features a goofy detective who searches for a football team's missing dolphin mascot?

- a. No Clue
- b. Ace Ventura - Pet Detective
- c. Camouflage
- d. The Cheap Detective

7> First, seen in the novel "*The Mysterious Affair at Styles*," which fictional Belgian detective appeared in thirty-three novels by author Agatha Christie?

- a. Hercule Poirot
- b. Nancy Drew
- c. Ellery Queen
- d. Philip Marlowe

8> First released in 1963, which comedy film series features the inept French police detective Inspector Jacques Clouseau?

- a. Gumshoe
- b. Second Sight
- c. Ace Ventura

d. The Pink Panther

9> Which no-holds-barred private investigator was created by Mickey Spillane in the 1947 book "I, the Jury"?

- a. Philip Marlowe
- b. Nero Wolfe
- c. Mike Hammer
- d. Spenser

10> Which animated television series revolves around the adventures of a clumsy, dim-witted cyborg detective and his companions Penny and Brain?

- a. Inspector Gadget
- b. The Great Mouse Detective
- c. The Adventures of Tintin
- d. Sherlock Hound

11> Which comic book police detective's most popular villain was Flattop Jones, a freelance hitman hired by black marketeers to murder him.

- a. Dick Tracy
- b. Detective Conan
- c. Wesley Dodds
- d. Sir Edward Grey

12> Directed by Brett Ratner, which comedy film series stars Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker as a pair of police detectives who go on a series of misadventures?

- a. 48 Hrs.
- b. Shanghai Noon
- c. Rush Hour
- d. Lethal Weapon

13> With the object of naming the killer, weapon and the room where the murder took place, in which board game do you play the detective?

- a. Whoowasit?
- b. Mystery Express
- c. Cluedo
- d. Scotland Yard

14> Which TV detective's obsessive-compulsive disorder gives him incredible powers of deduction, allowing him to notice things that no one else does?

- a. Adrian Monk
- b. Richard Castle
- c. Seeley Booth
- d. Michael Westen

15> First appearing in Detective Comics #27 in May of 1939, which DC comic character is known as "The World's Greatest Detective"?

- a. Batman
- b. Green Lantern
- c. The Flash
- d. Superman

Answers:

- 1> Sherlock Holmes - Created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Holmes was featured in 4 novels and 56 short stories.
- 2> Columbo - TV Guide ranked Lt. Columbo number seven on its 50 Greatest TV Characters of All Time list in 1999.
- 3> The Hardy Boys - All the Hardy Boys novels have been written by ghostwriters under the pseudo name of Franklin W. Dixon.
- 4> Kojak - Kojak ran for five seasons from 1973 to 1978.
- 5> Sam Spade - The Maltese Falcon first appeared in segments in the magazine Black Mask in 1929.
- 6> Ace Ventura - Pet Detective - The film was co-written by Jim Carrey.
- 7> Hercule Poirot - The first actor to portray Hercule Poirot on stage was Charles Laughton.
- 8> The Pink Panther - As of 2014, eleven movies featuring Inspector Jacques Clouseau have been released.
- 9> Mike Hammer - Hammer was loosely based on Frank Hamer, who is most famous for tracking down and killing Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in 1934.
- 10> Inspector Gadget - Don Adams who played Agent 86 on the Get Smart TV series voiced Inspector Gadget.
- 11> Dick Tracy - Still running today, Tracy first appeared in 1931.
- 12> Rush Hour - As of 2014, three Rush Hour films have been released.
- 13> Cluedo - A movie based on the game was released in 1995.
- 14> Adrian Monk - Monk ran for eight seasons from 2002 to 2009.
- 15> Batman - Batman was created by artist Bob Kane and writer Bill Finger.