

Go further – Sherlock Holmes's biggest challenge

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1. The scariest dog ever!

Teacher: Right class, time for a new book. Sherlock Holmes? Anyone?

Pupil 1: I know him! My father is obsessed with him! He is the most famous detective ever, he is English and has a partner: Dr Watson!

Teacher: Well done! Now this book is probably one of the most exciting Sherlock Holmes stories. The first time I read it I was petrified. Conan Doyle imagined it in 1902. Holmes chases an evil killer. It's the most terrifying creature ever: a gigantic phantom dog, the Hound of the Baskervilles!

Pupil 1: Sounds interesting. Who did the hound kill?

Teacher: Well, according to the legend, it killed a man called Hugo Baskerville a long time ago. It then reappeared to kill Charles Baskerville many years later. It seems that this dog tries to kill only members of the Baskerville family... And there is only one left: Henry.

Pupil 2: But there must be an explanation! Why only them?

Teacher: That's exactly what Holmes thinks! So? Who's interested?