

LETTERS TO SHERLOCK HOLMES



CODE 029

Fertigkeit	Lesen
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 1: Kann kurze, einfache persönliche Briefe, Karten oder E-Mails verstehen. (A2)
Themenbereich(e)	Interkulturelle und landeskundliche Aspekte
Zeitbedarf	12 bis 15 Minuten
Länge des Lesetextes	Drei Briefe: 293 Wörter Drei Antworten in Aufgabe 2: 104 Wörter
Material- und Medienbedarf	Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	Die Briefe wurden in Originalform transkribiert und auf Korrekturen wurde bewusst verzichtet. Persönliche Briefe, Karten oder E-Mails, die Schülerinnen und Schüler im wirklichen Leben lesen werden, können Fehler enthalten, wie man an diesen authentischen Beispielen sehen kann.
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Read three letters to Sherlock Holmes and his answers.

Then do the tasks in Task Sheet 1 and Task Sheet 2.

You will find the underlined words at the bottom of the page.

Letter A:

St. James's Palace
London SW1A 1BS

12th July 1994

From: the Equerry¹ to HRH the Prince of Wales

Dear Mr Holmes,

Thank you for your letter dated 4th July, in which you kindly invite The Prince of Wales to visit the Sherlock Holmes Museum.

His Royal Highness will be holding a meeting at the end of November when his diary will be decided for the first eight months of 1995. I will ensure that your invitation is considered at that meeting and will be in touch in December with a decision.

I am only sorry that I will not be able to give you an answer before then.

Yours sincerely,
Major Patrick Tabor

Vocabulary:

1 - Equerry – *persönlicher Diener eines Mitglieds der königlichen Familie*



Letter B:

Dear Mr Dead Sherlock Holmes,

I feel stupid writing you this letter because I know your six feet under. It's my teachers idea about writing you this letter so don't think I'm crazy. Don't worry I think my teacher is loosing it too. But this will be worth it when my grade² gets higher. (its extra credit)

We'll gotta go and Nice talking to ya. Write Back Soon.

Sincerely, Tanya Martinez

PS: I feel so stupid!

RD: BOX
Delina, PA 26612³
September 22, 1993

Letter C:

Miami
Florida 33177
U.S.A
6th November '98

Dear Sherlock Holmes,

I have heard that some of the lads⁴ of London help you from time to time in solving crimes. I would like to let you know that I also am at your service.

Any time you need help solving some of the cases which are connected with the United States of America, I will be there for you; especially if the case involves dinosaurs or fish, as these subjects are my speciality. Just let me know.

Give my regards to Dr Watson.

Yours sincerely,
Brandon Sellers (5 y/o).

Vocabulary:


2 - a higher grade – *eine bessere Note*

3 - USA

4 - lads – *Burschen*

**Task sheet 1:**

Read the 3 letters to Sherlock Holmes. Then fill in the names of the people who wrote them to make each sentence correct. You can use each name more than once.

-  (1) _____ lives in London.
- (2) _____ feels stupid.
- (3) _____ is an expert in fish.
- (4) _____ will hold a meeting in November.
- (5) _____ wants to be good at school.
- (6) _____ wants to help solve crimes.
- (7) _____ wants Sherlock Holmes to write back.
- (8) _____ wants to send another letter in December.
- (9) _____ greets Dr Watson.
- (10) _____ writes the letter as class-work.
- (11) _____ lives in Florida.
- (12) _____ thinks Sherlock Holmes is dead.
- (13) _____ works in London.



Task sheet 2:

Read Sherlock Holmes's answers to the 3 letters. The names of the people Holmes is writing to are missing. Fill in their names:

Answer A:

Dear _____,

As you can see, your teacher is not too wrong. I'm not exactly dead because legends live forever.

Yours sincerely,
Sherlock Holmes

Answer B:

Dear _____,

In kind response to your letter, I would be pleased to meet you at the Museum next year, and shall await your answer.

Yours sincerely,
Sherlock Holmes

Answer C:

Dear _____,

In fact I have been looking for three American crewmen in the case of John Openshaw's death. I investigated this murder, but I was late and the three men escaped on a ship for Savannah. Watson will give you more details if you visit us at the Museum.

Yours sincerely,
Sherlock Holmes



Jede Variation der Schreibweise der Namen wird als richtig gezählt, z.B. nur Vorname, nur Nachname, Patrick Tabor oder the Prince of Wales, Abkürzungen – wenn die Person eindeutig identifizierbar ist (PT, TM, BS etc.). Eine richtige Anrede im Brief ist nicht unbedingt notwendig. Die richtigen Namen zählen.

Task 1:

- (1) Major Patrick Tabor/The Prince of Wales
- (2) Tanja Martinez
- (3) Brandon Sellers
- (4) Major Patrick Tabor/The Prince of Wales
- (5) Tanja Martinez
- (6) Brandon Sellers
- (7) Tanja Martinez
- (8) Major Patrick Tabor/The Prince of Wales
- (9) Brandon Sellers
- (10) Tanja Martinez
- (11) Brandon Sellers
- (12) Tanja Martinez
- (13) Major Patrick Tabor

Task 2:

Answer A: Dear Miss Martinez/Tanya

Answer B: Your Royal Highness/Dear Major Tabor

Answer C: Dear Brandon/Mr Sellers