A review

1 Put the paragraphs in the correct order to complete the review.

a ___ At first, we learn of an old curse on the Baskerville family. According to legend, a nasty relation of Sir Henry was murdered by a supernatural hound.

b ___ In my opinion, this is an excellent novel. The story offers horror and suspense with enough plot twists to make it quite unpredictable.

c ___ *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is a detective story written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It is set in London and near Dartmoor in the 1880s. The main characters are Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson, along with Sir Henry Baskerville.

d ___ As the story develops, the characters move to Dartmoor and the scenes become darker. There are new characters who become potential suspects and victims. Of course, the threat of the hideous hound looms ominously in the background. Eventually, it comes to an exciting conclusion.

e ___ The story then moves to the 1880s where Sir Henry Baskerville seeks the detective's help. The recent death of Sir Charles Baskerville, Henry's uncle, has revived the legend of the curse due to the discovery of huge animal footprints near Sir Charles' corpse.

2 Correct the <u>underlined</u> mistakes in the sentences.

1 Most Sherlock Holmes' novels <u>happen</u> in the UK in the 1880s.

2 <u>Begin</u>, Holmes usually has a visitor who needs his help.

3 <u>Little</u> a mystery is uncovered.

4 <u>This time</u> several potential suspects emerge.

5 <u>At end</u>, (in most cases) Holmes catches the criminal.

6 <u>My opinion</u>, Sherlock Holmes novels are very well written.

Write!

STEP 1

Here are three exam questions. Choose one to write. Before you start writing, look at Steps 2–4.

- Write a review of a book you have read recently.
- 'I cannot recommend this film to anyone. It is too slow and the plot is over complicated.' Write a review that ends with these words.
- Review your favourite TV crime series.

STEP 2

Write down your ideas. Order the ideas into: introduction, plot and opinion.

STEP 3

Decide which of these phrases would be useful to organise the review.

At the start | For this reason | In my opinion | It's about | It's set in | Little by little | Therefore | The thing I really don't like

STEP 4

Write your review. Remember to include phrases from Step 3 and give your opinion or recommendations at the end. Don't forget to check your work.

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