

	2º E.S.O BILINGUAL SECTION. 3RD TERM LITERATURE
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Read the following text attentively:

TEXT



Agatha Christie (1891-1976) is one of England's most famous novelists, and yet a person who intensely disliked being in the news. During her life, she wrote lots of mysterious stories.

In 1926, Agatha Christie herself played the central part in a mystery quite unlike the ones she wrote – because it still hasn't been solved. On 4th December, 1926, while Agatha was out of her house in Surrey, Southern England, her husband packed his bags and left home. When she returned at nine in the evening, her secretary told her the news. She jumped into the car (which she had just learned to drive) and disappeared into the night.

The next day, a 15-year-old boy found the car, near a deep pool. The body couldn't be found in the water. The newspapers were full of the story: she had left without a wedding ring; her shoe was found in a remote wood; a local chemist said that she had discussed methods of suicide with him; a gypsy declared that she was a prisoner in a log cabin somewhere. Hundreds of policemen, amateur detectives, dogs, aeroplanes, divers and curious members of the public took part in the search. But there was no sign of her.

On 13th December, she appeared as suddenly as she had disappeared – at an elegant hotel in Harrogate, Northern England. It was reported that she had been staying there for nine days and that she had lost her memory during that time. She refused to answer any questions, not only then, but all her life, about the disappearance.

Club (adapted)

A. According to the text, mark the following statements TRUE or FALSE and correct the FALSE ones.

SENTENCES	T	F
1. Agatha Christie was born at the beginning of the century.		
2. Agatha Christie didn't have much experience in driving.		
3. She wasn't seen during a fortnight.		
4. The hotel where she stayed was near her country house.		
5. The mystery was solved some years later.		

B. Answer the following questions about the text, writing complete sentences.

1. When was Agatha Christie born?

2. What was her job?

3. What happened on 4th December 1926?

4. Did she report her husband's disappearance? State your reasons

5. What did the newspapers publish about her disappearance?

6. How long had she stayed in Harrogate?

C. Ask the questions:

1. _____?

During her life, **Agatha Christie** wrote lots of mysterious stories.

2. _____?

A 15-year-old boy found her car **near a deep pool**.

3. _____?

She died **in 1976**.

D. Complete the following sentences according to the text.

1. Agatha Christie disappeared _____

2. She left her house in a hurry because _____

3. Nobody knew exactly what had happened to her although the newspapers _____

II

A. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated.

1. Agatha Christie was a writer. She was born in England.

Agatha Christie, _____

2. Agatha Christie wrote many stories. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote many stories, too.

Both _____

3. A 15-year-old boy found her car near a deep pool.

Her car _____

4. They searched everywhere but they didn't find her.

In spite of _____

5. At least 200 people were near the pool watching the search.

There _____

6. The reporters wanted to know where and when Agatha Christie had reappeared.

The reporters asked, " _____?"

7. Agatha Christie disappeared because her husband left home.

If _____

8. Agatha Christie wasn't seen for over a week.

Nobody _____

9. "Why did your husband leave home?"

Reporters asked her _____

10. "Stop disturbing me"

Agatha Christie told the journalists _____

B. Fill in the gaps using the words in the box.

which	than	lots of	wealthy	been
except	performed	in	for	into

Agatha Christie lived _____ 85 years. Her books have _____ translated _____ 103 languages. She has sold more copies _____ any author _____ Shakespeare. She wrote "The Mousetrap" _____ has been _____ for _____ years.

When she died _____ 1976, she was _____ and famous.