

Unit 12 At the library

Focus on ...
 linking



Okay		Better
Adam Hart-Davis loves photography. He loves science.	→	Adam Hart-Davis loves photography and science.
Adam Hart-Davis loves photography and science and explaining things.	→	Adam Hart-Davis loves photography, science and explaining things.
He believes everyone can enjoy science and writes in clear and chatty English.	→	He believes everyone can enjoy science and writes in clear, chatty English.

- 1 Look at the examples and complete these suggestions about how to improve your linking. Use *and* or a comma?
- Use to link two similar things in one sentence.
 - Use to link things in a list.
 - Use to link the two things at the end of a list.
 - Use to link adjectives that give similar information about a thing.

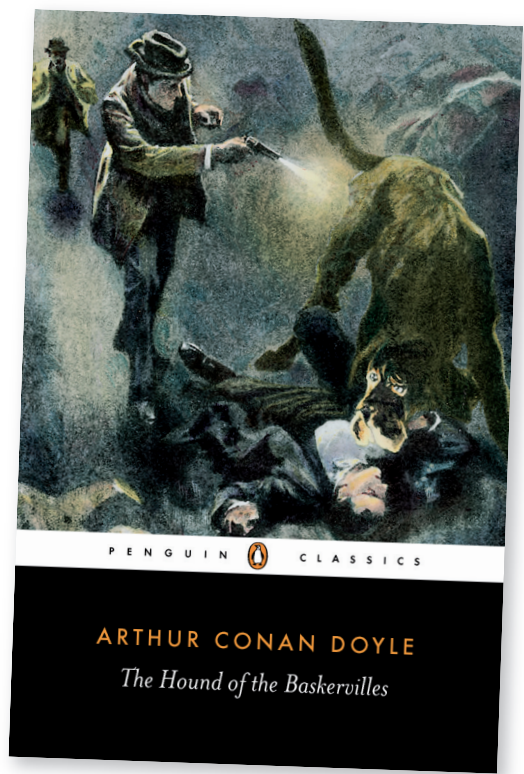


- Are these statements correct ✓ or incorrect ✗?
 - He asks a simple question and then tries to answer it.
 - He has had a lot of help from scientists, he uses information from their studies.
- Link these sentences. Use *and* or a comma.
The Hound of the Baskervilles is a story about a curse. It's a story about a supernatural dog.
- Complete each box with *and* or a comma.
 - It's set on dark damp Dartmoor.
 - The main characters are Dr Watson the American Sir Henry Baskerville his neighbours.
 - Sir Henry takes Watson with him to Baskerville Hall Holmes solves the mystery.

Plan

8 Imagine that you are studying English Literature. You want to read a Sherlock Holmes story. Your friend has shown you this one that she borrowed from the library. Look at the book cover. What do you think it is about?

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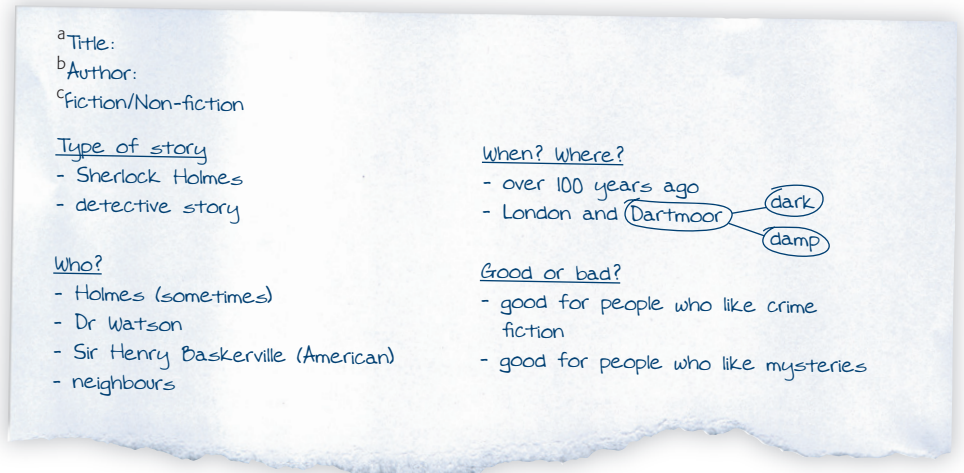
Learning tip

We use commas and full stops to show where we pause when we speak.

- A full stop is a pause when you can take a breath. It shows an idea is complete.
- A comma is only a short pause. It shows an idea is not finished.

When you are checking your writing for commas and full stops read it out and see where you pause.

9 Giulio is writing a review of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Here are his notes. Help him by completing the facts about the book.



Write

10 Complete the sentences below. You can use Giulio's notes, Exercises 2–8 on pages 59–60 and sentences from *Focus on linking* to write the review.

The Hound of the Baskervilles is a story.
 It's a story about
 It's set
 The main characters are
 Sir Henry

This is a good book. I like it because you never know what's going to happen next. If you like, you'll like this.

Check

- Have you written the facts about the book?
- Have you answered all the questions in the flow chart?
- Have you written how good you think the book is?
- Will your review help other people to decide if they want to read the book?
- Have you put Giulio's name and your name at the bottom of the review?
- Have you checked that you have used commas and *and* correctly?

Class bonus

- 1 In small groups, write a list of five books that you have read or that are famous.
- 2 On your own, choose one book from the list. Do not tell the other students the name of the book.
- 3 Write a review. Do not write the book or author's name anywhere in the review.
- 4 Read the reviews that the other students have written. Guess which book each review is about.
- 5 At the end, as a group, decide on the top three books from your list (1 = most popular, 3 = least popular).

Extra practice

- Write a review of a book you have read.
- Ask an English-speaking friend or teacher to check it.
- Search for the book on www.Amazon.com
- Post your book review on Amazon.
- After two weeks, look at the review again. See how helpful people have found it.

Can-do checklist

Tick what you can do.

I can write a book review.

I can link sentences using *and* and commas.

Can do

Need more practice