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Your friend has given you an excerpt from a book about great detectives. Read the book excerpt.

Text 4 Book excerpt

Chapter 5

Kate Warne, the first female detective

① In 1856, Kate Warne went to the Pinkerton Detective Agency to find a job. The owner of the detective agency, Allan Pinkerton, preferred hiring male detectives. However, Warne convinced him that she would be able to discover secrets more easily than male
5 detectives. That is because people are more willing to trust women.

② Warne was talented at pretending to be other people. She could also see small details that many people miss. These qualities made her one of the
10 best detectives in the US.

③ Warne is most famous for stopping the murder of President Lincoln. Warne heard stories about a murder plan, so she became friends with the
15 suspects. Evidence of the evil plan was soon found. Warne helped the president get away. The president put on a disguise and Warne pretended to be his sister. She told everyone he was very sick so that they would
20 stay away from him. Though the journey lasted several days, Warne stayed awake to protect the president.



Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the US

④ Many women were inspired by Warne to become detectives and police officers. Sadly, this great detective died of illness when she was just 35
25 old.

Simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 7

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Comprehension 4 *Your brother wants to know about Kate Warne. Answer his questions using information from the book excerpt. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Complete the sentence.

People are more willing to trust women. Therefore, _____
_____.

2 What are two qualities that made Warne a good detective?

- i) _____
ii) _____

3 Find words in paragraph 3 that mean the same as the following:

- a) horrible _____
b) a few _____

4 Based on the information in paragraph 3, complete the following summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure your answers are grammatically correct, paying attention to word form, plurals, etc.

Kate Warne found _____ of a plan to murder the president. She _____ the murder by helping the president get away. Warne and the president _____ to be sister and brother. No one got near the president because Warne told them that he was _____.

5 What is the purpose of this text?

- A to talk about why women are better detectives than men
B to introduce us to the first female detective
C to teach us how to be good detectives
D to explain why Warne wanted to be a detective

A B C D
○ ○ ○ ○

6 Order the following events. Number the events (1–4).

- Warne protects the president and helps him get away. _____
Warne convinces Allan Pinkerton that she can be a detective. _____
Warne inspires women to become police officers. _____
Warne hears stories about a plan to murder President Lincoln. _____