

Ed's Reading Room Word Search

Five Seconds to Doomsday

by Simon Cheshire

P	I	N	C	H	I	N	G	B	E	E	T	L	E
W	Y	J	R	Q	G	U	J	H	G	O	H	Q	U
Q	U	A	O	P	Q	O	I	A	Y	U	I	D	W
R	W	D	B	Q	H	H	M	Z	N	D	N	W	H
P	S	E	B	U	Y	E	E	T	Z	W	K	G	U
Y	A	S	E	O	D	W	T	M	G	Y	I	J	Q
H	X	O	R	I	Q	E	U	Y	I	O	N	W	E
G	B	L	S	G	D	D	T	R	L	R	G	P	C
N	Y	C	R	D	D	L	L	E	D	O	C	R	N
J	S	E	Y	Y	U	G	W	G	C	H	H	D	E
W	M	S	N	W	Y	A	Y	R	L	T	A	U	D
Q	A	A	H	Y	Q	H	R	O	R	U	I	H	I
Y	R	C	P	A	L	H	U	F	A	W	R	V	V
S	T	N	I	R	P	T	O	O	F	H	D	A	E

Saxby Smart

detective

Muddy

Izzy

Hunt Teddy

code

Crime HQ

Thinking Chair

game discs

footprints

robbers

evidence

fraud

Pinching Beetle

forgery

case closed

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Famous Sleuths

There are many famous fictional detectives, spies and private investigators. Match the names of these characters with their writer / creator.

Hercule Poirot	Dorothy L Sayers
Sherlock Holmes	Anthony Horowitz
Alex Rider	Georges Simenon
Lord Peter Wimsey	Agatha Christie
Maiquet	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Anagrams

Find words from these muddled letters. Remember to write a capital letter for names.

x y b s a r m s t a	_____
s s e e g m a	_____
n a i g t h k n e i r g	_____
g b u n m a	_____
o k o t e o n b	_____

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Ed's Poetry

Clerihews are four-line comic verses each with two rhyming couplets. They were invented by Edmund Clerihew Bentley, the English novelist and humorist, who died in 1956. The lines can be of any length but the first line uses the name of the person being written about.

Here is the first Clerihew ever written.

Sir Humphry Davy
Detested gravy.
He lived in the odium
Of having discovered sodium.

Choose one or two of the characters in **Five Seconds to Doomsday** and write a Clerihew about each one.

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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Write a postcard to a friend telling them why they should read **Five Seconds to Doomsday**. Decide which 'case' you liked most and describe the characters, the setting and the basic plot - but don't give too much away!

Look at the images on the book cover and draw a picture for the postcard.