

Red Herrings and Misdirection Review

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Understanding Mystery Stories

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about red herrings and misdirection in mystery stories.

1. What is a red herring?

- A. A true clue
- B. A false clue meant to distract
- C. A type of fish

2. Why do authors use misdirection in their stories?

3. Red herrings are intentional ____ that authors use to distract readers from the real solution.

4. Red herrings are helpful clues that lead to the truth.

- True False

5. How can careful reading help solve mysteries?

- A. By ignoring details
- B. By understanding every clue
- C. By thinking critically about the clues

6. How might a detective discover a red herring in a story?

7. Proverbs 2:6 teaches us that Yahweh gives wisdom and out of his mouth comes knowledge and ____.

8. Good readers learn to think critically about the clues provided in a mystery.

- True False

9. What should readers do when they suspect a clue is a red herring?

- A. Ignore it completely
- B. Consider its relevance carefully
- C. Follow it blindly

10. What is a way we can seek wisdom and understanding according to Proverbs 2:3-5?

Answer Key

1. A false clue meant to distract 2. Authors use misdirection to keep readers guessing and make the story more interesting. It helps create suspense and surprise. 3. misdirections 4. False 5. By thinking critically about the clues 6. A detective might notice inconsistencies in the clues or find that a clue leads to a dead end. They pay attention to what seems out of place. 7. understanding 8. True 9. Consider its relevance carefully 10. We can cry out for discernment and search for wisdom like hidden treasures. This helps us understand God's knowledge.