

# Who is it?

## Introduction

- **Level:** C1
- **Skills:** Reading
- **Topics:** Vocabulary

## The enigma

- **Keywords**

short descriptions of famous people

- **Toolbox**

handouts

- **Description of the enigma**

The students are given the following text:

This person started out as a medical doctor. Instead of following in his father's footsteps in the field of medicine and becoming a neurologist he followed his heart: first taking up an acting career and then going on to become one of the world's leading opera directors.

His parents were refugees from Lithuania who settled in the UK, and his mother was a novelist. Although he married a physician, he himself did not practice medicine, opting instead for a long and varied career on stage and screen. His achievements include directing opera and Shakespeare for the theatre and he has also been a successful presenter of television documentaries, the most famous of which was *The Body in Question*. This series was rated highly by reviewers and was even nominated for a BAFTA award.

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For some reason, unknown to anyone, all the written texts in the world have been tampered with. It is your mission to reconstruct this one in order to decode all of them.

Once you have reconstructed the text, find out who the text is about. You can use Google, but be fast, do it before all the texts on the Internet are destroyed too! The person's full name is your code.

## Solution

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The person is **Sir Jonathan Miller**.



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## Hints

Some of the lines are a bit more revealing. The students can be suggested to reconstruct those first.

## More information

## Possible restrictions

Students with Dyslexia will find it extremely difficult.

## References

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