Sherlock: Deductive & Inductive Reasoning Practice

Directions: Pay attention to Sherlock’s reasoning in the video clip. Then decide if the following statements are examples of Inductive Reasoning or Deductive Reasoning. Explain how you know.

1. Sherlock knew Watson was a military man because of his haircut.
2. Sherlock knew Watson had a therapist because he had a psychosomatic limp (a limp originating from emotional or mental causes).
3. Sherlock knew that Watson was looking for someone to share a “flat” (or apartment), so his expensive phone must have been a gift because he probably could not afford it.
4. The engraving on John Watson’s phone said “Harry Watson,” so Sherlock knew the phone originally meant for someone named Harry Watson.