

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

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While reading

A Note from Dr Watson

1 Write the right word in each sentence.

together cases cleverest disappeared
dead secret detectives

- Sherlock Holmes was one of the men in England so the police always asked him for help.
- Sherlock Holmes is one of the most important in England.
- Sherlock Holmes always works with Dr Watson.
- Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson solved a great number of
- In 1891, Sherlock Holmes and many people thought that he was
- Sherlock Holmes returned to England to work on a case.

The Six Napoleons

2 Match a–g and 1–7 from the first part of the story.

- Have you got a good case for me today?
- Please tell me about it.
- But I think this will perhaps interest Dr Watson more than you.
- Why are you so interested in this?
- Now please tell me, were these three busts exactly the same.
- I think the thief was only interested in the busts, not in Napoleon.
- Can someone hate Napoleon so much?
 - Because he's done it again.
 - Oh, nothing important, Mr Holmes.
 - That's possible but can we be sure.
 - Well, Mr Holmes, there is something.
 - What's the matter? Is somebody ill?
 - Yes, it's possible.
 - Yes, they were.

3 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- 'Lestrade wants to see us later.' Holmes said.
- He's at a garden in Kensington.
- We had a cup of tea then we went to Kensington.
- The house was in a busy street.

- That morning there was a large crowd of policemen outside.
- I noticed there was a lot of food outside the front door of the house.
- We met Horace Harker, the man who worked in the house.
- He was woken by a loud cry about three o'clock that afternoon.
- He was frightened but he went upstairs.
- There was somebody in the room.
- The window was open and his picture of Napoleon wasn't there.
- He opened the front door to call a taxi.

4 Complete these questions from Holmes and from Lestrade. Use a word from the box.

are	bring	can	did	didn't
was	who	why		

- 'Why a man kill someone for a cheap bust like this?'
- 'Why he break it at Mr Harker's house?'
- 'Why did he the bust to that house?'
- 'What you going to do next, Mr Lestrade?'
- '..... I keep the photograph that the dead man had with him?'
- 'Who the dead man?'
- '..... was he in Kensington last night?'
- '..... killed him outside Mr Harker's house?'

5 There are many mistakes in this story. Underline the wrong words and put the right ones.

The dead man was called Beppo. He was a German who worked for the Mafia. Lestrade thinks Venucci broke the rules of the Mafia. Beppo followed him, they had a fight and Venucci was killed. Holmes thinks it is important to find out why Venucci was killed. He thinks he can find Beppo in Reading that night but Lestrade refuses to go there with Holmes and Watson. They all went to Chiswick and caught Josiah Brown after he stole and broke Venucci's bust.

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The Norwood Builder

6 Put these events from Mr McFarlane's story in order. Number them 1–14.

- a McFarlane sent a message to his parents to say he had some important business after work. ☐
- b McFarlane had a meal. ☐
- c McFarlane saw that Oldacre wanted to give all his money to him. ☐
- d McFarlane left Oldacre's house at half past eleven. ☐
- e Oldacre asked McFarlane to go to his house in the evening to see some more important papers. ☐
- f Oldacre came to McFarlane's office. ☐
- g McFarlane arrived at Oldacre's house at half past nine. ☐
- h An old woman opened the door of McFarlane's house. ☐
- i Oldacre asked McFarlane to make a copy of his will. ☐
- j McFarlane worked on Oldacre's papers. ☐
- k McFarlane couldn't find his stick. ☐
- l Oldacre explained that he had no children and he wanted McFarlane to have the money because he knew his father. ☐
- m McFarlane stayed at a hotel in Norwood. ☐
- n McFarlane read about the fire in the morning newspaper. ☐

7 Complete these questions using a word from the box.

are can does was what why

- a Why some good lines of the will written well and some written badly?
- b Why Holmes think the will was not important?
- c does Lestrade think McFarlane's motive was for the murder?
- d does Holmes think that Lestrade's explanation is wrong?
- e What motive Holmes think of for the murder?
- f What the strange thing that Holmes wanted to find out about?

8 In pairs, answer the questions from activity 7.

9 Answer these questions.

- a What new fact does Lestrade discover?
.....
- b What did Holmes think about the new fact?
.....
- c What did Holmes ask Lestrade for?
.....

10 Work in pairs. Explain to each other.

- a Where Oldacre was hiding:
- b The way Holmes made Oldacre appear:
- c The way Oldacre made the thumbprint:
- d Oldacre's motives:

The Golden Glasses

11 How does Holmes discover that

- a the glasses belong to a woman?
.....
- b the woman has money and likes good things?
.....
- c the woman has a thick nose?
.....
- d the woman has eyes that are close together?
.....
- e the woman looks closely at things?
.....
- f she has visited the optician recently?
.....

12 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The two passages in Professor Coram's house go to the same place. ☐
- b Professor Coram told Sherlock that his secretary killed himself. ☐
- c Inside the cupboard in the room in which the secretary died there was money. ☐
- d Professor Coram's cook said that he always ate too little. ☐
- e Sherlock Holmes said that the answer to the Coram case was in the garden. ☐
- f The death of Coram's secretary was planned. ☐

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The Six Napoleons

1 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Lestrade thought that the man who was stealing the busts was dangerous.
.....
- b Horace Harker worked for Scotland Yard.
.....
- c The man in the photograph from the dead man's pocket was Venucci.
.....
- d The busts were cheaply made by German workers.
.....
- e Beppo was in prison because he robbed a man.
.....

2 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Beppo was a thief. ☐
- b Beppo was very good at making busts. ☐
- c Holmes bought Sandeford's bust for £100. ☐
- d Holmes found a pearl inside the bust. ☐
- e The pearl was stolen from a hotel room near Gelder and Company. ☐

The Norwood Builder

3 Match the questions and the answers.

- a How did Holmes know McFarlane was an unmarried lawyer?
 - b Why is McFarlane unhappy?
 - c What do the police think has happened to Mr Oldacre?
 - d Why do the police think McFarlane killed Mr Oldacre?
 - e What do you know about Mr Oldacre?
 - f Why haven't the police found McFarlane yet?
 - g Why didn't Lestrade take McFarlane immediately?
- 1) He is a rich builder.
 - 2) Because the police think that he killed a man.
 - 3) They think he was killed and then burned with some old wood.
 - 4) They think he did it for his money and they found his stick on the floor.
 - 5) Because he wore untidy clothes and had a lot of papers.
 - 6) Because he wasn't at home last night and he stayed in a hotel.
 - 7) Because Holmes asked him to wait.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a At the beginning, Holmes believed that the case was difficult and that Lestrade could be right. ☐
- b In Blackheath, Holmes discovered that Oldacre was a good man. ☐
- c Oldacre's bankbook showed that the old man had little money. ☐
- d Holmes believed that the thumbprint was really McFarlane's. ☐
- e When Sherlock and the policemen shouted fire a little man came out of a passage. ☐

5 Circle the right words.

- a Oldacre wanted the law to *hang* / *send to prison* Mrs MacFarlane's son.
- b Sherlock Holmes knew that McFarlane was a *doctor* / *lawyer* since the first time he saw him.
- c Lestrade thought that McFarlane was the killer when he saw the *thumbprint* / *paint* on the wall.
- d Holmes knew that there was a secret *passage* / *door* in Oldacre's house.
- e When the men shouted 'fire', Oldacre ran out of the house like a *dog* / *rabbit*.

The Golden Glasses

6 Finish the sentences.

- a Stanley Hopkins was a young detective from
- b The woman hiding behind Professor Coram's bookshelves was
- c Professor Coram's wife was sent to prison
- d Professor Coram's wife had to finish talking quickly because

7 Choose the right word from the box.

ash	embassy	poison	revolutionary	footprints
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- a Inspector Hopkins thought that someone very clever went to the house because there were no in the garden.
- b Professor Coram was a when he was young.
- c Holmes goes to the Russian to give them the papers that Coram's wife gave him.
- d Professor Coram's wife took and died.
- e Sherlock discovered that there was someone in Professor Coram's room looking at his cigarette