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# Sherlock Holmes

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



# WORKSHEETS

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**ABOUT THE STORIES**

British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published his collection of Sherlock Holmes stories in 1892. He introduced this character in a story published in 1887 and since then, Holmes has been the best-known fictional detective across the world. The author has four novels and 56 short stories featuring Sherlock Holmes. Famous for his unique detective skills and sharp mind, Holmes solves even the most difficult and strange crime cases. He carries out his investigations with his friend Dr Watson, who is a retired army officer. His clients always come to his flat on Baker Street, London, which is why many of the stories begin there. Sherlock Holmes stories have been adapted into many stage and radio plays, TV and cinema films and video games.

**SUMMARIES****A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA**

The King of Bohemia comes all the way from Prague to Holmes' flat in London. He needs the detective's help because his former girlfriend, a beautiful opera singer named Irene Adler, has a photograph showing him with her. She has threatened to send it to the Scandinavian princess, whom the King is going to marry. Since this will prevent his marriage and create a scandal in Europe, the King pleads for Holmes to take away the photograph from Adler. Holmes agrees to help the King. The next day, he follows Adler and witnesses her wedding ceremony to a handsome lawyer. Then, by means of a clever plan and with the help of his friend Doctor Watson, Holmes discovers where Adler keeps the photograph in her house. The two men, together with the King, go to Adler's house to get the photograph early in the morning while she is still asleep. They are shocked when they see that the photograph is not in the secret drawer, where Holmes found it the day before. Instead, there is a photograph of Adler herself alone and a note to Holmes. The butler tells them that Adler and her husband have left on a train to Europe. In the note, Adler says that she has figured out Holmes' plan and that she took the photograph with her. But she promises that she will not show it to anyone. So, the King feels relieved now and is grateful to Holmes for his efforts. Holmes admits that he has been overwhelmed by a very clever woman.

**THE SPECKLED BAND**

A young woman named Helen Stoner, who is in fear of her life, asks Holmes for help. She has been living with her vicious stepfather Doctor Roylott since her mother's death eight years ago. Her twin sister, Julia, who also lived with them, died shortly before her wedding and the cause of her death is unknown. As her last words were 'the speckled band', Helen suspects that she was killed, and the murderer will kill her too. She explains that their mother left a big sum of money to Roylott on condition that the girls receive 250 pounds every year if they get married. Helen is engaged to be married very soon. Holmes thinks that Roylott may want his stepdaughters dead so that he can keep their mother's money to himself. Holmes agrees to help Helen, and together with Doctor

Watson, he searches Julia's room in order to find some clues. He discovers a rope hanging down onto the bed and a fake air vent on the wall. He makes a clever plan, and that night, the two men, with pistols in their hands, wait in Julia's room, in which Roylott thinks Helen is sleeping. They hear a whistle, and a snake with spots on its skin appears through the vent. Holmes quickly hits the snake with his riding cane. The wounded snake flees back to the next room, which belongs to Roylott. Then, they hear a loud scream coming from that room and run there. They see Roylott sitting on a chair with the speckled snake around his head. He does not move at all because he is dead!

**THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS**

A young man named John Openshaw asks for Holmes' immediate help because he is in big trouble. His uncle and father received threatening notes from unknown people just before they died accidentally. His uncle, Elias Openshaw, had moved to America in his youth and owned a plantation in a southern state. He had many African slaves working for him, and he was one of the people who hated African Americans. He returned to England a few years after the Civil War. John began to live with his uncle at age 12. One day, his uncle received an envelope with nothing but five orange pips in it. It also had the letters K. K. K. on the inside flap. Then, John saw his uncle burning some documents which he had been hiding in his cashbox. A few days later, he was found dead in his garden. John's father, who then came to live with his son, also received a similar envelope with five orange pips inside. He then died suspiciously too. Now John himself has received a similar envelope, with five orange pips inside and the letters K.K.K. on the flap. There is also a note with instructions for him. Holmes believes that the envelopes are sent by the Ku Klux Klan group. He tells him to do as the note says. Unfortunately, John is found dead on the way to his home. Holmes discovers that the murderers have been travelling on a ship as each of the letters has been sent from a different port. He finds the name of the ship and warns the police to arrest the murderers. But the ship sinks in the Atlantic Ocean during a storm, and everyone on board goes down with it.

**Discuss before you begin reading:**

- 1 Do you read detective stories? Which one/ones would you recommend reading?
- 2 Why do people enjoy reading crime stories?

**A Word Search**

Find as many words as you can. Then, match the words you have found with the definitions below (1-15).

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T	N	E	B	T	F	H	C	U	O	T	I	A	P	U
S	T	A	B	L	E	U	K	I	M	U	T	I	M	V
M	S	T	B	V	L	G	L	E	A	V	H	J	U	G
W	S	K	C	R	W	V	E	A	R	K	R	C	R	D
C	A	R	R	I	A	G	E	T	R	T	E	B	D	I
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**Definitions:**

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| <p>1 to use the power of the law to catch and keep someone who has done an illegal act _____</p> <p>2 a four-wheeled vehicle which is pulled by a horse and which was used to carry people in the past</p> <p>3 an illegal act for which someone is punished by the authorities _____</p> <p>4 someone who is hired to find out information about a mysterious event or act _____</p> <p>5 to make changes in your appearance so that other people will not recognize you _____</p> <p>6 someone who looks after horses _____</p> <p>7 to try to find out the facts about something _____</p> | <p>8 the act of killing someone deliberately _____</p> <p>9 the small seeds of some fruits _____</p> <p>10 a small gun that is held in one hand _____</p> <p>11 one of many small spots or marks on a surface or skin _____</p> <p>12 a building where horses or farm animals are kept _____</p> <p>13 to tell someone that you will harm them, especially in order to make them do something _____</p> <p>14 someone who has been harmed, injured, or killed in a disaster, accident, or crime _____</p> <p>15 someone who sees a crime, accident, or other event happen _____</p> |
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**B Fill in the blanks with the words in the word search. Make the necessary changes.**

Most of the popular <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ stories are about a(n) <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ case which is not solved, and the killer is not found. There are no <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to question about it or no fingerprints at the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ scene. So, someone from the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_'s family hires a private detective to <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the case. In these stories, the murderer is usually someone whom no one suspects. Sometimes, the murderer escapes and stays in different towns where no one knows him. In each place, he may <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ himself as a different person by changing his hair colour, wearing a fake beard and so on. He may take up different jobs such as a(n) <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ working for a race horse owner or the driver of a horse <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at weddings. In one episode, a male murderer dressed himself as a woman and put make-up on his face and a blonde wig on his head. To keep the wig in place, he wore a hairband with colourful <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on it. But when the hairband fell off, the detective recognized him, and he was <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by the police.

**A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA**

**A** When you finish reading Chapter 1, read these sentences and write YES or NO.

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| 1 When the King arrives at Holmes' flat, he lies about who he is. _____        | 3 The King keeps the mask on his face while he is talking to Holmes. _____ |
| 2 Sherlock Holmes recognizes the King as soon as he appears at his door. _____ | 4 The King doesn't know Irene Adler's address. _____                       |

**B** Guess before you begin reading Chapter 3. Match the statements (1-6) with the names (a-f). Who do you think will say these? And to whom?

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| 1 'You are a great actor. I thought you really fell and hurt yourself.' _____         |
| 2 'I paid them enough money. They played their parts very well.' _____                |
| 3 'I tried so hard to get that photograph for you.' _____                             |
| 4 'But she loved me! Why did she marry him?' _____                                    |
| 5 'Ms Adler and her husband left London on the five o'clock train to Europe.' _____   |
| 6 'I know you did your best. Now, I would like to reward you for your efforts.' _____ |

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| a Holmes to the King             |
| b Watson to Holmes               |
| c The King to Holmes and Watson  |
| d Irene Adler's butler to Holmes |
| e The King to Holmes             |
| f Holmes to Watson               |

**C** What do you think these statements are about? Write your answers in the blanks.

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|---------|---------|
| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |

**A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA**

Stop reading at the end of page 46. Guess how Helen's sister, Julia, died. Put a ✓ to the one you choose.

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| a Roylott paid a gypsy to kill her. He let the gypsy enter the house late at night. The gypsy knocked at Julia's door. She opened the door because she thought it was Helen. The gypsy squeezed her neck with his headband. Then, he whistled to Roylott. _____ | c Roylott let a gypsy enter her room late at night, just to make her afraid. Julia died of fear or a heart attack when she saw him. The gypsy had a speckled scarf around his neck, and he was whistling. _____                         |
| b Roylott put his poisonous snake in the air vent, and it went down the rope to Julia's bed and bit her. So, Julia died of the snake's deadly poison. Then, Roylott whispered to call the snake back. _____   | d The speckled snake which Roylott had bought from India escaped from its box and slid into Julia's room. It went back when it heard Roylott's whistle. It did not attack Julia, but she was so scared that she could not breathe _____ |

**THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS**

Before you begin page 58, read this paragraph about John's uncle, Elias. Find the mistakes and correct them.

When Elias Openshaw lived in America, he owned a plantation and had many African workers in his fields. He supported African Americans. So, during the Civil War, he joined the Northern Army to fight. He returned to England right after the war and rented a big estate in Sussex, near the town of Horsham. John came to live with him when he was eight years old. He loved John so much that he let him go into his secret room in the basement. One morning in March, 1883, he received an envelope with five orange pips in it and two K's written in black on the back of its flap. It was sent from Scotland. He was very scared. He said he would die soon. He asked his lawyer to write his will. He told John that he would have all his wealth when he died. Then, he began to drink heavily every day, and one morning in May, he was found lying dead on his bedroom floor.

**A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA**

How do they disguise themselves? Why? Fill in the missing words and choose the correct reason for each.

Sherlock Holmes - 1 <sup>st</sup> time	Sherlock Holmes - 2 <sup>nd</sup> time	Irene Adler Norton
as a <i>groom in shabby clothes</i>	as an old _____	as a thin _____
<b>a</b> to go to Adler's wedding at the church	<b>a</b> to become friends with Adler's butler so that he will help him find the photograph	<b>a</b> to discover where Holmes lives so that she can get back the photograph
<b>b</b> to collect information about Adler and her habits from her stable men	<b>b</b> to set fire to Adler's house and get rid of the photograph in that way	<b>b</b> to make sure if the old clergyman is really Sherlock Holmes
<b>c</b> to be a witness to her marriage to Mr Norton	<b>c</b> to be allowed into Adler's house and search for the photograph	<b>c</b> to threaten Holmes so that he will stop searching her house

**THE SPECKLED BAND**

Tick (✓) the six things that make Holmes think Roylott will try to kill Helen Stoner.

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| his friendship with the gypsies              | the cracking sound of the wooden floor      | the big metal box in his room           |
| his wild animals; the cheetah and baboon     | the fake bell rope hanging over Julia's bed | his oil lantern                         |
| the whistle                                  | the broken lock on Julia's door             | a bowl of milk sitting on the metal box |
| the metallic sound                           | the fake air vent leading to his room       | his cruelty toward her and bad temper   |
| the fake iron bars on Julia's bedroom window |   | is speckled headband                    |

**THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS**

How/When did Joseph Openshaw and John Openshaw die? Where were they? What were they doing/had they done before? Write the numbers of the correct ones. Some are extra!

Joseph Openshaw	4						
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John Openshaw	2						
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| <b>1</b> was very drunk          | <b>7</b> in a town called Horsham      | <b>13</b> near the station              |
| <b>2</b> walking to the station  | <b>8</b> a bad head injury             | <b>14</b> in a coma                     |
| <b>3</b> was feeling scared      | <b>9</b> was being followed            | <b>15</b> walking to his friend's house |
| <b>4</b> fell down a hill        | <b>10</b> on a cold, stormy night      | <b>16</b> walking home with his friend  |
| <b>5</b> in the hospital         | <b>11</b> in the river Thames          | <b>17</b> walking to the police station |
| <b>6</b> had just visited Holmes | <b>12</b> in a town other than Horsham | <b>18</b> knew his life was in danger   |

**A Who said these in the stories? Match them with the character names. (6x4=24 pts)**

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| a Doctor Watson  | d The King        |
| b Godfrey Norton | e John Openshaw   |
| c Helen Stoner   | f Sherlock Holmes |

- \_\_1 'Do you think anyone whistles while they are sleeping?'
- \_\_2 'Please come with me. We need a witness. We can't marry without a witness.'
- \_\_3 'What is the relationship between Godfrey Norton and Miss Adler?'
- \_\_4 'The police said he killed himself. I didn't think it was true.'
- \_\_5 'You are in danger, young man! Did you do anything after you got this envelope?'
- \_\_6 'There is no danger for me anymore. I am sure she will not show it to anyone.'

**B Which story? Match the sentences with the stories. (6x2=12 pts)**

- a *A Scandal in Bohemia*
- b *The Speckled Band*
- c *The Five Orange Pips*

- \_\_1 In this story, Sherlock's client is a rich, heavily-built man who speaks in a German accent.
- \_\_2 In this story, the murderer himself dies in the same way as he killed his victim.
- \_\_3 There are three victims in this story, and all are killed by the same men.
- \_\_4 In this story, Sherlock's client lost her mother in a train accident eight years ago.
- \_\_5 In this story, Sherlock can't succeed in doing what the client asks him to do but manages to prevent a big problem.
- \_\_6 Sherlock discovers the murderers in this story, but they can't be arrested because they all die.

**C Match the two parts of the sentences. (6x4=24 pts)**

- \_\_1 Elias Openshaw was an ill-tempered man,
  - \_\_2 Helen Stoner has accepted an old friend's marriage proposal,
  - \_\_3 Watson tells Holmes that John Openshaw is dead
  - \_\_4 The King's fiancée is from a royal family too,
  - \_\_5 Elias Openshaw died in May 1883
  - \_\_6 The King wants Holmes to keep his problem a secret
- a but she won't marry him if Holmes cannot solve the problem.
  - b when he reads the headline in the paper.
  - c but he was very kind and caring to his nephew John.
  - d because it is a delicate matter for him.
  - e and his brother Joseph inherited all his money and land.
  - f and they are getting married soon.

**D Mark these sentences about *A Scandal in Bohemia* as True (T) or False (F). (10x2=20 pts)**

- \_\_1 Irene Adler and her husband to be, Godfrey Norton, go to the church separately.
- \_\_2 Holmes does not take the gold coin that Norton offers him for being their wedding witness.
- \_\_3 Holmes is not really injured in the fight in front of Adler's house; he uses red paint.
- \_\_4 Holmes throws in a burning cigar into Adler's living room to start a fire.
- \_\_5 Holmes knows that the man who says 'good night' to him at his door is actually Irene Adler.
- \_\_6 Irene and her husband leave for Europe the next morning after the wedding.
- \_\_7 Irene leaves a note for the King before she leaves for Europe.
- \_\_8 Holmes does not to take the King's emerald ring.
- \_\_9 King is angry at Holmes because he could not get the photograph.
- \_\_10 Holmes is upset because he has been fooled by Irene Adler.

**E Mark the correct answers. (5x4=20 pts)**

- 1 **Why did Doctor Watson stop sharing the same flat with Sherlock Holmes?**
  - a He got married and moved out.
  - b He got tired of Holme's visitors.
  - c It was not big enough for two people.
- 2 **At the end of *A Scandal in Bohemia*, what does Holmes want from the King?**
  - a 700 hundred pounds for his expenses.
  - b A big sum of money in gold.
  - c Irene Adler's photograph.
- 3 **In *A Scandal in Bohemia*, what did Holmes particularly like about Irene Adler?**
  - a Her beauty.
  - b Her cleverness.
  - c Her success as an opera singer.
- 4 **In *The Speckled Band*, why did all the maids in Roylott's house leave?**
  - a They were afraid of his exotic animals.
  - b He treated them very badly.
  - c He did not pay them enough money.
- 5 **In *The Five Orange Pips*, what did the K.K.K. group want from John Openshaw?**
  - a His uncle's diary.
  - b The papers in his uncle's cashbox.
  - c His uncle's notes about the war.

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