

## Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

### Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a estate agency b key c servant d trap  
e spikes
- 3 a X b ✓ c ✓ d ✓ e X f ✓ g ✓ h X
- 4 a married, money b hundred c feelings d wait
- 5 a Holmes is talking to Miss Sutherland. He knows about her work, and she doesn't understand that.  
b Miss Sutherland is talking about Mr Windibanks. He is her mother's husband, but not her father.  
c Miss Sutherland is talking about Mr Hosmer Angel. He got into the cab, but he didn't get out.  
d Mr Hosmer Angel is talking to Miss Sutherland before he goes away.  
e Mr Windibanks is talking to Holmes about Miss Sutherland after Holmes knows about him.
- 6–9 Open answers
- 10 a read some books  
b Sherlock Holmes  
c read  
d Daulat Ras  
e in a cupboard  
f Three  
g good at games  
h works  
i doesn't work  
j tall  
k Gilchrist's
- 11 a The student left this in Soames's room.  
b There was clay on the desk and in the cupboard – and on Gilchrist's running ground.  
c When Gilchrist put his running shoes on the desk, a spike cut the desk.  
d Bannister left his key in the door, so Gilchrist could get into the room.  
e Only a tall person could see the exam paper through the window.
- 12 a Gilchrist is going to work for the South African police.  
b Bannister is going to stay with Soames.
- 13–15 Open answers

- 16 a Mr Williamson  
b Cyril  
c at Chiltern House  
d near Farnham  
e on a bicycle  
f in London  
g Holmes  
h Mr Woodley  
i Mr Carruthers

17–26 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:  
He was the hero of a series of detective stories set in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.  
There are many possible differences between 1900 and now. Students will probably come up with technological differences e.g. horse-drawn vehicles vs. motor vehicles, typewriters vs. computers, television, etc.
- 2 Possible questions and answers:  
How many people are in the picture? Three: two women and a man.  
Where are the people? Outside a church.  
How do they feel? Very surprised.  
Is there a vehicle in the picture? Yes, a horse-drawn cab.  
What is the man wearing? A top hat.
- 3 Dialogue. Get the students to learn it by heart.  
Holmes: *Ah, Watson! Somebody is coming here. Look, there, across the street.*  
Watson: *Is she coming? Look, she isn't moving.*  
Holmes: *It's difficult for her. She wants help, but – ah, she's coming now. She has a problem.*  
Watson: *A problem?*  
Holmes: *It's a man. She doesn't understand him, so she wants my help.*
- 4 Possible answers:  
Did he get into the cab?  
Yes, he did.  
Was he afraid of something?  
I don't know.  
Where can he be?  
Perhaps he changed his mind!
- 5 Open answers
- 6 Open answers, but you could pre-teach vocabulary items such as *naïve, trusting, enthusiastic, greedy, secretive, etc.*

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- 7** Possible answer:  
Miss Sutherland asked me to find her fiancé, Mr Hosmer Angel. She met him at a dance and after that he wrote her a letter every day. He wanted to keep things secret. He disappeared on the day of the wedding and Miss Sutherland thought something bad had happened. I soon realised that Mr Angel was really Miss Sutherland's stepfather, Mr Windibank, in disguise. He wanted Miss Sutherland to stay unmarried because she gave him and her mother one hundred pounds a year. I didn't tell Miss Sutherland because she is still in love with Angel. I hope that one day Mr Windibank will be arrested.
- 8** This website has a useful calculator:  
<http://measuringworth.com/calculators/ukcompare/>
- 9–10** Open answers
- 11** Possible answer:  
Bannister – fifty years old, Mr Soames's servant. He has a key to Soames's room. Perhaps he is involved?  
Gilchrist – a very tall young man, enjoys running – he could see through Soames's window. Perhaps the mud is from his running shoes?  
McLaren – tall, but not as tall as Gilchrist.  
Ras – hard-working student. Not very tall.
- 12–13** Open answers
- 14** Possible answer:  
'You can come out now, Mr Gilchrist. Mr Soames has gone.'  
'Please don't tell anybody about this, Bannister.'  
'Don't worry, sir. I won't say one word.'  
'Thank you, Bannister.'
- 15** Possible answer:  
Dear Mr Soames,  
Please forgive me for trying to copy the exam paper. It was wrong, and I know that I can't take the exam now. I have a job with the South African police and I am leaving today.  
Yours sincerely,  
Gilchrist
- 16** Open answers
- 17** Many possibilities, e.g. Dr Watson and Sherlock Holmes are friends, Cyril and Violet are engaged to be married, Carruthers employs Violet, etc.
- 18** Possible reasons for: £100 is a lot of money, she can live in the country. Possible reasons against: perhaps she will be lonely, she doesn't know Mr Carruthers very well.
- 19** Open answers
- 20** Possible answer:  
At the beginning Mr Carruthers was interested in Miss Smith's money and he wanted her to marry Woodley. But in the end he tried to help her because he fell in love with her.
- 21–24** Open answers
- ### Activity worksheets key
- 1** a Hosmer Angel  
b Mr Windibank  
c Mary Sutherland's Uncle Ned  
d her mother and stepfather  
e Mr Windibank  
f her mother  
g Hosmer Angel
- 2** a older b quietly c kind d before
- 3** a **X** (he was at the dance disguised as Mr Angel)  
b **X** (she helped Mr Windibank)  
c **X**  
d **✓**
- 4** a Mary Sutherland is talking about Hosmer Angel.  
b Mr Windibank is talking about the dance.  
c Mary Sutherland is talking about her wedding day.  
d Mary Sutherland is talking about Mr Angel's last letter to her.
- 5** a beard b cab c line d secret e typed
- 6** a Hilton Soames b Daulat Ras c Miles McLaren  
d Bannister e Gilchrist
- 7** a clever, rich b fifty c tall d good
- 8** a Daulat Ras b Gilchrist c Gilchrist
- 9** a They came from Gilchrist's running shoes.  
b The spikes on Gilchrist's running shoes made the cut.  
c It explains why he was outside the window and why he had mud on his shoes.  
d That is why he helped Gilchrist.
- 10** a 4 b 1 c 3 d 9 e 5 f 6 g 10  
h 8 i 7 j 2
- 11** a Mr Carruthers.  
b For her money.  
c He falls in love with Violet.  
d Mr Carruthers.  
e He was a vicar so he can marry Woodley and Violet.
- 12** a South Africa b dead c Saturday  
d estate agency e bar f won

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- 13** a Violet Smith – her uncle Ralph asked Carruthers and Woodley to help.  
 b Mr Carruthers – asks Violet to work for him.  
 c Sherlock Holmes tells Violet he will try to help.  
 d Sherlock Holmes is talking about Mr Williamson.  
 e Mr Williamson is 'marrying' Woodley and Violet.  
 f Mr Woodley is talking to the man on the bicycle – Mr Carruthers.
- 14** a It's where the station is. Violet has to cycle there on Saturdays.  
 b It's where her uncle Ralph lived.  
 c It's where Williamson lives. Woodley often visits.  
 d It's where Carruthers lives.

**15–16** Open answers

### Progress test key

- 1** In the story *Sherlock Holmes and the Strange Mr Angel*, a young woman called Mary Sutherland comes to ask the detective to look for her fiancé, Mr Hosmer Angel. She can pay him because she has one **hundred** pounds a year. The money comes from her uncle Ned in **New Zealand**. She met Mr Angel at **a dance**. He wears dark glasses and is a very **quiet** man. He sent her a letter every **day** and told her he wanted to marry her. Mary was very happy, but **Mr Angel** wanted to keep the letters a secret. She went to the church with her **mother**, but Mr Angel disappeared. She thinks something bad has happened to him. Sherlock Holmes realises that Mr Windibank, Mary's step-father, and Mr Angel are the same person. He **does not tell** Mary and Mr Windibank **is not arrested**.

- 2** a 5 b 6 c 1 d 2 e 4 f 10 g 9  
 h 3 i 7 j 8
- 3** a came b began c lived d wanted e wrote  
 f tried g hit h told i went j stood
- 4** a before b when c so d after
- 5** a university city b Greek c fifty  
 d Daulat-Ras e father f tallest
- 6** a Mr Carruthers  
 b Mr Williamson  
 c Mr Woodley  
 d Mr Williamson  
 e Mr Woodley  
 f Miss Sutherland  
 g Mr Carruthers
- 7** a ✓ (judging from the pictures)  
 b ✓ c ✓ d X e X f X g ✓ h X  
 i X j X