

## A Scandal in Bohemia

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- 1 Answer these questions.**
- Why does Dr Watson visit Holmes?
  - Why does the King of Bohemia visit Holmes?
  - What does Holmes find out about Irene Adler when he dresses as a driver?
  - What does Holmes want Watson to do at Briony Lodge?
  - How is Holmes dressed when he goes to Briony Lodge?
- 2 Write down five things that tell Holmes that his visitor is the King of Bohemia.**
- 3 What happened first? Put these sentences in order.**
- There is a fight.
  - People carry Holmes into Irene's house.
  - Irene Adler's carriage arrives.
  - Holmes finds out where the photo is.
  - Holmes, who is dressed as a priest, goes to help Irene.
  - Watson throws the smoke bomb and shouts 'Fire!'
- 4 Write down what you think about Irene.**  
Is it a surprise to you that the only person ever to beat Holmes is a woman? Why/why not?

### The Red-Headed League

- 5 What are the names of these people?**
- He works for Mr Wilson.
  - He started the Red-Headed League.
  - He has a shop in Coburg Square.
  - He asks Mr Wilson to copy the dictionary.
- 6 Choose the right words.**
- Mr Wilson and Mr Holmes were *surprised* / *worried* that Mr Spaulding spent such a long time in the underground room.
  - Mr Ross told Mr Wilson that he had to copy a *dictionary* / *a book*.
  - After Mr Wilson told his story to Homes and Watson, they *both laughed* / *were surprised*.
  - Watson and Holmes went to the concert *in a carriage* / *on foot*.
- 7 Finish the sentences.**
- After the concert, Holmes tells Watson that they should meet at Baker Street at ten and

- that he should bring a .....
- because .....
- Soon after 10 o'clock Homes went to Coburg Square with Scotland Yard Inspectors because he knew .....
  - Holmes realised that Spaulding was actually John Clay .....
  - Holmes caught John Clay, but his partner was able to run away. Holmes was not worried because .....
  - Holmes discovered that John Clay spent most of his time at Mr Wilson's shop underground .....

### 8 Who thought this and when?

- 'It is a lot of money for a simple job. I'll take it!'
- 'This is one of the strangest and craziest stories I've ever listened to!'
- 'Thirty and a white mark ... Why do I feel I know the man?'
- 'Who are these two? What do they want?'

### 9 Write right (✓) or wrong (X).

- Inspector Merryweather had nothing to do on his Saturday night.
- Homes took all the men to Coburg Square because he did not know where the crime would happen.
- Holmes took his gun with him to Coburg Square.
- Watson and Holmes were able to catch John Clay.

### The Boscombe Lake Mystery

#### 10 Answer these questions.

- Why do the police think that Charles McCarthy's son killed him?
- Does James McCarthy say that he killed his father?
- What did James see about 30 feet from his father's body?
- Why did James have a fight with his father?
- What good news does James hear from his 'wife'?

#### 11 How does Holmes know that ...:

- the stone was used to kill Mr McCarthy?
- the man who killed McCarthy uses his left hand?

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- c the man who killed McCarthy has a bad right leg?
- d the man who killed McCarthy is tall?

**12 Write right (✓) or wrong (X).**

- a Turner did not want his daughter to marry McCarthy's son.
- b McCarthy wanted to meet Turner in the forest.
- c McCarthy and his son were planning to kill Turner.
- d Young McCarthy saw Turner kill his father.
- e Young McCarthy will stay in jail.

**13 Finish the sentences.**

- a Young McCarthy thought that he could not marry Miss Tuner because he was .....
- b The last two things that McCarthy said were .....
- c Turner was a tall man who walked slowly because .....
- d Turner told Holmes that he was very ill and that .....
- e Holmes promised Turner that if .....

**The Blue Diamond**

**14 Match a–g and 1–7 to make sentences.**

- a Peterson was walking along Goodge Street .....
  - b A chicken and a hat .....
  - c Peterson looks like a policeman .....
  - d Peterson is very excited .....
  - e The police think Horner stole the diamond .....
  - f Holmes knows that Henry Baker did not steal the diamond .....
  - g Holmes makes Mr Breckenridge angry .....
- 1) because he once stole money from a hotel room.
  - 2) when he saw two men attack a tall man.
  - 3) so that he tells him where he bought his chickens.
  - 4) because he finds a diamond in the chicken.
  - 5) because he only wants to eat the chicken.
  - 6) because he is dressed as a hotel doorman.
  - 7) were left on the ground.

**15 Finish the sentences.**

- a The famous blue diamond was stolen from ..... at the .....
- b Horner was known to the police because .....
- c When Watson and Holmes caught the little man .....

**The Single Man**

**16 Find five mistakes and correct them:**

Robert Simon is the son of the Duke of Windsor. He is forty-two years old and plans to marry Hatty, the second daughter of a rich Australian. On the day before the wedding, Hatty jumps in the lake.

**17 Write right (✓) or wrong (X) or does not say (!)**

- a After the wedding, Lord Simon will have a lot of money and Hatty Doran will get a title.
- b Lord Simon was worried because he thought someone killed his wife.
- c Lord Simon told Holmes and Watson that all the stories in the newspapers were false.
- d Holmes knew Hatty Doran was not in the lake because he found her wedding dress on a bag inside the lake.
- e Hatty Doran said that when she wanted to marry Frank, her father refused so they married in secret.

**The Copper Beeches**

**18 Who says this? Who to? Why?**

- a 'I don't like short hair.'
- b 'We shall see her again very soon.'
- c 'Will you go and put it on?'
- d 'There's a man on the road looking at Miss Hunter.'

**19 Answer these questions.**

- a Why does Mr Rucastle say to Miss Hunter, 'If you do, I'll throw you to the dog.'?
- b When Mr and Mrs Rucastle and Mr Toller are out, Holmes, Watson and Miss Hunter go into the upstairs room. What do they see?
- c How does Watson save Mr Rucastle?
- d Why doesn't Alice Rucastle's father want her to marry Mr Fowler?

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- 1 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.
- When Sherlock Holmes sees the King of Bohemia for the first time, he is surprised by his hat.
  - Irene Adler was a famous dancer.
  - The King needs Irene Adler to give him back the ring he gave her.
  - Irene Adler never stops loving the King.
  - Finally Irene decides to give the photograph back to the King.

### The Red-Headed League

- 2 Write *right* (✓), *wrong* (✗) or *it does not say* (?)
- There were very few men at Fleet Street who wanted to work for the Red-Headed League.
  - When Mr Wilson decided to start working for the Red-Headed League, he needed someone to look after his shop.
  - Mr Ross came to see Mr Wilson every day to check on his work during the first two months.
  - After the league closed, Mr Wilson tried to find where Mr Ross was but he could never find him.
  - Wilson chose Mr Spaulding as his assistant because he was the best.

3 Choose the right sentence.

- Holmes asked Wilson about Spaulding's work and he found that .....
  - he spent long hours in the underground.
  - he was a hard worker.
- When Holmes first visited Wilson's shop .....
  - he felt strange.
  - he hit the ground with his stick.
- When Holmes, Watson and the Inspectors went into the underground of the City Bank .....
  - they found piles of big boxes.
  - they found two criminals.
- Mr Merryweather explained to the men that .....
  - the City Bank bought thirty thousand gold pieces.
  - the City Bank had a lot of money.

### The Boscombe Lake Mystery

- 4 What are the right words?
- Mr Turner and Mr McCarthy seemed to be very good *neighbours* / *friends*.
  - Mr McCarthy's son was seen by the lake together with his father and he had a *gun* / *knife* under his arm.
  - Patience saw that Mr McCarthy was shouting at his son and she thought that the son was going to *shout at him* / *hit him*.

- Mr McCarthy's son heard his father crying out 'Cooee' / 'Help' so he ran towards him.
- When young McCarthy found his father by the lake it was clear he was *terribly angry* / *badly hurt*.
- When Holmes and Watson arrived in the town of Ross, they were *driven in a carriage* / *took a train*.

### The Blue Diamond

- 5 Write *right* (✓) or *wrong* (✗).
- The men attacking Mr Baker thought that Peterson was a policeman.
  - Sherlock Holmes knew about the blue diamond because Inspector Lestrade told him.
  - Sherlock Holmes thought that Baker had stolen the diamond.
  - Baker told Holmes that he bought the chicken from a hotel owner.
  - Beckenridge told Holmes that he still had some chicken.
  - When Holmes showed the diamond to Ryder the little man practically fell to the floor.

### The Single Man

- 6 Write *right* (✓) or *wrong* (✗).
- Lord Simon thought that Flora was going to hurt his wife.
  - Hatty Doran saw her real husband at the church and decided to run away.
  - Miss Doran's father became rich after he stole gold.
  - Hatty Doran thought that Frank was dead.
  - Frank found that Hatty was getting married when he was reading the newspaper.
  - Lord Simon was kind to Hatty Doran after she told him everything about Frank.

### The Copper Beeches

- 7 What happened first? Number these sentences 1–5.
- Violet Hunter lost her job as a teacher and was offered a lot of money for a new one.
  - The job at the Copper Beeches consisted of teaching, wearing a blue dress, and sitting by the window and cutting her hair short.
  - Miss Hunter realises that there is someone living in a locked room of the house.
  - Mr Rucastle promised to pay more money and Miss Hunter finally accepted.
  - Miss Hunter refused to cut her hair short so she decided not to take the job.