

# Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

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## Sherlock Holmes and the Strange Mr Angel, pages 1–12

### While reading

#### 1 Who ...

- a wears dark glasses? .....
- b is married to Mary's mother? .....
- c dies in New Zealand? .....
- d takes Mary's one hundred pounds every year? .....
- e goes to France to buy wine? .....
- f went to the dance with Mary? .....
- g wrote a letter to Mary every day? .....

#### 2 Put these words in the right sentences.

- before older kind quietly
- a Mary's mother is ..... than Mr Windibank.
  - b Hosmer Angel had a beard and spoke .....
  - c Hosmer Angel was ..... to Mary. She wanted to marry him.
  - d Mary's cab arrived at the church ..... Mr Angel's.

#### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a When Mary went to the dance, Mr Windibank was in France.
- b Mary's mother was not interested in Mary's money.
- c Something bad happens to Mr Hosmer Angel.
- d Hosmer Angel lives in Leadenhall Street.

#### 4 Who says these words? Who or what are they talking about?

- a 'I want you to find somebody for me.'  
.....
- b 'You can't stop women when they really want to do something.'  
.....
- c 'There was nobody in the cab.'  
.....
- d 'Now I understand. He was afraid of something.'  
.....

#### 5 Look at the Word List at the back of the book. Put words from the Word List in these sentences.

- a I didn't recognize his face because he had a ..... and dark glasses.

- b They were very tired, so they took a ..... to the station.
- c She wore glasses all day and had a red ..... across her nose.
- d Nobody knows about this – it is a .....
- e She never wrote by hand, she always ..... her letters.

## Sherlock Holmes and the Important Exam Paper, pages 13–26

### While reading

#### 6 Who are they? Find the right names below.

- Bannister Gilchrist Miles McLaren  
Daulat Ras Hilton Soames
- a He is a university teacher. ....
  - b He is from India and he is a good student. ....
  - c He is a very clever student but he doesn't like working. ....
  - d He is a servant. ....
  - e He is a student and he is good at games. ....

#### 7 Finish these sentences. Use the words below.

- clever good fifty tall rich
- a Gilchrist's father was not very ....., but he was very .....
  - b Bannister is aged about .....
  - c Sherlock Holmes and Gilchrist are .....
  - d Soames thinks that Bannister is a ..... man.

#### 8 Who is the tallest? Who is the shortest? Put the right names in the sentences.

- a ..... is shorter than Miles McLaren.
- b Miles McLaren is shorter than .....
- c ..... is the tallest student.

#### 9 Why are these things important to the story?

- a The pieces of clay in Soames's room.  
.....
- b The cut on Soames's new desk.  
.....
- c Gilchrist likes running.  
.....
- d Bannister worked for Gilchrist's father.  
.....

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## 10 What happens first? What happens next?

Write the numbers, 1–10.

- a Soames came home through the back door.
- b Soames went to tea at friend's house and locked the door.
- c Gilchrist went into Soames's room and looked at the exam paper.
- d Soames left his room to look for Sherlock Holmes.
- e Gilchrist hid in Soames's cupboard.
- f Soames found a broken pencil and some black clay in his room.
- g Bannister helped Gilchrist out of Soames's room and locked the door.
- h Soames told Bannister about the exam paper. When he heard the bad news, Bannister felt ill.
- i Bannister sat on Gilchrist's notebook.
- j Gilchrist looked through Soames's window and saw the exam paper.

### While reading

*Sherlock Holmes and the Dangerous Road*, pages 27–39

#### 11 Answer these questions.

- a Who gives work to Violet Smith?  
.....
- b At the beginning of the story, why do Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley want to marry Violet Smith?  
.....
- c How do Mr Carruthers's feelings change?  
.....
- d Who is the man on the bicycle?  
.....
- e Why is Mr Williamson important?  
.....

#### 12 Finish these sentences.

- a Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley came from .....
- b At the beginning of the story, Violet Smith thinks her uncle Ralph is .....
- c Violet Smith goes home every .....
- d Watson learns Mr Williamsons's name from a London .....

- e Sherlock Holmes found a hotel and talked to some people in the .....
- f Sherlock Holmes and Mr Woodley had a short fight, and Sherlock Holmes .....

#### 13 Who says these words? Who or what are they talking about?

- a 'Before he died, he asked for their help.'  
.....
- b 'I'll pay you one hundred pounds a year.'  
.....
- c 'I'm very busy but I will think about your problem.'  
.....
- d 'He's an old man, so he can't be the man on the bicycle.'  
.....
- e 'And now you are husband and wife.'  
.....
- f 'You can take off your beard, Bob.'  
.....

#### 14 Why are these places important to the story?

- a Farnham  
.....
- b South Africa  
.....
- c Charlington House  
.....
- d Chiltern House  
.....

### After reading

#### 15 Work with another student.

Talk about your opinions of each of the three stories by asking and answering these questions

- a Did you like the story? Why/why not?
- b Which characters did you like the most? Why?
- c Which characters did you dislike the most? Why?

#### 16 Work with another student. Talk about another detective story you have read.

- a When and where was the story set?
- b What was the crime?
- c Who were the important characters?
- d How did the detective find out who the guilty person was?

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## 1 Nine things are wrong. Find them and make them right.

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 thousand pounds a year. The money comes from her uncle Ned in France. She met Mr Angel at the theatre. He wears dark glasses and is a very loud man. He sent her a letter every week and told her he wanted to marry her. Mary was very happy, but she wanted to keep the letters a secret. She went to the church with her step-father, 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 tells Mary and Mr Windibank is arrested.

## 2 Put these in the right order. Write the numbers 1–10.

- a Violet Smith goes to see Sherlock Holmes.
- b Dr Watson goes to Farnham alone.
- c Violet Smith's father dies.
- d Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley come to England.
- e Mr Carruthers gives Violet Smith a job.
- f The man on the bicycle shoots Mr Woodley.
- g Holmes and Watson go to Farnham together.
- h Violet Smith and her mother see an advertisement in *The Times*.
- i Sherlock Holmes and Mr Woodley have a fight.
- j Mr Carruthers asks Violet Smith to marry him.

3 Look at the following sentences. Put the verbs in *italics* into the past tense.

- a Violet Smith *comes* to Sherlock Holmes's flat.
- b She *begins* to tell her story.
- c Her uncle *lives* in South Africa.
- d Somebody *wants* us to go to London.
- e My uncle never *writes* to us.
- f Mr Woodley *tries* to kiss Violet.
- g Mr Woodley *hits* Mr Carruthers
- h Violet *tells* Mr Carruthers about the man on the bicycle.
- i Violet goes to the station every Saturday.
- j The old man *stands* next to her.

## 4 Fill in the gaps with the right word.

so, before, after, when

- a Watson goes to Farnham ..... Sherlock Holmes.
- b Bannister feels ill ..... he hears the bad news about the exam paper.
- c Mary was worried about her fiancé, ..... she went to ask Sherlock Holmes for help.
- d ..... her father died, Violet Smith didn't have much money.

5 Look at the words in *italics*. Underline the right choice.

- a Holmes and Watson visited a *country house* / *university city*.
- b Hilton Soames teaches *Latin* / *Greek*.
- c Bannister is *forty* / *fifty* years old.
- d The Indian student's name is *Miles* / *Daulat Ras*.
- e Mr Bannister helped Gilchrist because he worked for his *father* / *uncle*.
- f Gilchrist is the *tallest* / *shortest* student.

## 6 Look at the picture on page 37. Who are the people? How do they feel? Choose the right words for each sentence.

- a The man with the gun is *Sherlock Holmes* / *Mr Carruthers*.
- b The man dressed as a vicar is *Mr Williamson* / *Mr Woodley*.
- c The man who is laughing is *Dr Watson* / *Mr Woodley*.
- d The man standing behind Miss Sutherland is *Mr Carruthers* / *Mr Williamson*.
- e *Mr Woodley* / *Miss Sutherland* feels happy.
- f *Miss Sutherland* / *Mr Carruthers* feels afraid.
- g *Mr Williamson* / *Mr Carruthers* is very angry.

## 7 Talk about the characters. Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)? (Look at the pictures in the book to help you)

- a Dr Watson is older than Sherlock Holmes.
- b Sherlock Holmes is cleverer than Dr Watson.
- c Sherlock Holmes is quieter than Mr Woodley.
- d Mr Woodley is kinder than Dr Watson.
- e Mr Woodley is stronger than Sherlock Holmes.
- f Miss Sutherland is not young.
- g Mr Carruthers is kinder than Mr Woodley.
- h Mr Woodley loves Miss Sutherland.
- i Miss Sutherland loves Mr Carruthers.
- j Mr Williamson is very kind.