

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes Investigates

Three Stories of Detection

KEY TO THE ACTIVITIES AND EXIT TEST

The man who created Sherlock Holmes

Page 10 — exercise 1

1 A 2 B 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 B

Page 11 — exercise 2

1 D 2 E 3 A 4 C 5 B

Page 12 — exercise 3

1 A 2 A 3 D 4 C 5 D 6 C 7 A 8 D 9 A

The Blue Carbuncle

Page 14 — exercise 1

A 2 B 4 C 3 D 1

Page 15 — exercise 2

- 1 two days after Christmas
- 2 party
- 3 morning
- 4 to help the man
- 5 his goose and hat
- 6 Christmas morning
- 7 the smallest problems
- 8 the hat

Page 15 — exercise 3

A brim B goose C magnifying glass
D wax E walking stick F forceps

Page 22 — exercise 1

- 1 Watson visited Holmes two days after Christmas.
- 2 No, it wasn't.
- 3 Because he could deduce many things about its owner's life by simply examining it carefully.
- 4 He was a commissionaire and one of Sherlock Holmes's friends.
- 5 Some men.
- 6 Because he had broken the shop window when he tried to defend himself, and he thought that Peterson was a policeman.
- 7 Because there were hundreds of Henry Bakers living in London.
- 8 Because he knew that Holmes was interested in even the smallest problems.
- 9 By looking carefully at the hat.

Page 22 — exercise 2

A 5 B 10 C 6 D 11 E 9 F 7 G 2
H 1 I 12 J 4 K 8 L 3

Page 23 — exercise 3

Open answers.

Page 24 — exercise 4

come — came put — put lie — lay
run — ran see — saw keep — keptgive — gave lose — lost say — said
have/has — had

- 1 didn't say
- 2 lost
- 3 didn't see
- 4 gave
- 5 didn't have
- 6 kept / didn't keep

Page 24 — exercise 5

A A 5 B 8 C 1 D 10 E 3 F 4
G 7 H 2 I 9 J 6

- B Peterson was walking home from a party on Christmas morning when he saw some men attacking another man who was carrying a goose. During the fight one of the attackers knocked off the man's hat. The attackers and the man who was being attacked saw that Peterson was wearing a uniform and they thought he was a policeman, so the attackers ran away. The man ran away too, but unfortunately he dropped the goose. Peterson was alone with the hat and the goose. He wanted to return the hat and the goose to the man but he didn't know how to find him, so he decided to ask his friend Sherlock Holmes for help in finding the man who lost the hat and the goose.

Page 25 — exercise 6

1 wear 2 juice 3 starred 4 stop
5 own 6 taught 7 egg 8 last
9 facts 10 get

Page 32 — exercise 7

1 although 2 so cold that 3 he was wearing 4 must be 5 was nothing special 6 may not be 7 belongs to 8 a good look 9 was nothing unusual

Page 27 — exercise 1

1 B 2 C 3 A 4 B 5 B 6 C

Page 41 — exercise 1

1 D 2 B 3 B 4 B 5 C 6 B 7 A 8 A

Page 43 — exercise 2

A 4 B 9 C 3 D 7 E 5 F 6 G 8 H 2
I 10 J 1

Page 43 — exercise 3

The Countess of Morcar brought the blue carbuncle with her to the Hotel Cosmopolitan. There, James Ryder, with the help of the Countess's maid, stole the blue carbuncle. Then James Ryder took the blue carbuncle to his sister's house and forced a goose to swallow it, but the goose escaped! Mrs Oakshott, James Ryder's sister, then sold the goose to Mr Breckinridge, and then Mr Windigate of the Alpha Inn bought the goose from Mr Breckinridge for his Christmas goose-club. Mr Windigate of the Alpha Inn then gave the goose to a member of his goose-club, Mr Henry Baker.

While returning home with his goose, Mr Henry Baker was attacked by some men, and dropped the goose and his hat, which were then found by Mr Peterson. Mr Peterson took the goose and the hat to his friend Mr Sherlock Holmes — Holmes kept the hat, but he gave the goose to Mr Peterson for his dinner. So, Mr Peterson took the goose home, and gave it to his wife who cut it open to find, to her great surprise, the blue carbuncle! Finally, Mr Peterson took the blue carbuncle back to Holmes, who then began his investigation of this incredible chain of events.



Conan Doyle Defends the Crew of the Titanic

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- 1 It was a luxury passenger ship.
- 2 Yes, he did.
- 3 For three main reasons. First, some did not realise that the *Titanic* was about to sink. Others thought that another ship, the *Carpathia* was nearby; and thirdly, others did not want to leave their husbands.
- 4 There were 2,200 passengers on board and only 700 survived.

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- 1 The newspapers wrote ‘romantic lies’ about the *Titanic*.
- 2 The band played the religious song ‘Nearer to God’ to keep the passengers calm.
- 3 Captain Smith was an honourable sailor who made one ‘terrible mistake’.
- 4 The crew of the *Titanic* were not all heroes, and, in any case, when there is a great tragedy like that of the *Titanic* people should speak the truth.

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Open answer.

A Case of Identity

Page 52 – exercise 1

A 2 B 3 C 1 D 4 E 6 F 5

Page 54 – exercise 2

1 hat 2 gloves 3 dress 4 boots
5 shoes 6 parasol

Page 55 – exercises 3-4

Open answers.

Page 56 – exercise 5

1 B 2 C 3 D 4 A

Page 56 – exercise 6

1 C 2 C 3 A 4 A 5 B

Page 67 – exercise 1

1 B 2 B 3 A 4 A 5 A 6 A 7 A 8 B
9 B 10 A 11 B 12 B 13 A

Page 68 – exercise 2

1 book 2 report 3 article
4 wedding 5 engaged 6 eyesight
7 glasses 8 typist 9 office
10 plumber 11 worker 12 importer
13 father 14 mother 15 stepfather



Page 69 – exercise 3

A A 1 B 4 C 2 D 3 E 5 F 6

B B The woman in the street must have a love problem because she hesitates to ring Holmes’s doorbell.

C Miss Sutherland must wear glasses because she has marks on both sides of her nose.

D Mr Angel must have weak eyes because he wears glasses.

E According to Miss Sutherland, Mr Angel must be fond of her, because he did not want typed letters from her.

F Miss Sutherland must be in love with Hosmer Angel because she says that she will always wait for him.

Page 70 – exercise 4

Open answer.

Page 71 – exercise 1

1 moustache 2 beard 3 shirt 4 bow tie 5 jacket 6 waistcoat 7 top hat 8 trousers 9 shoes

Page 72 – exercise 2

1 A 2 B 3 B 4 A 5 B

Page 81 – exercise 1

1 K 2 A 3 D 4 F 5 G 6 H 7 M 8 B

Page 82 – exercise 2

a Possible answers:
Missing, a lady called Effie Munro. She is about 5ft. 5in. tall. She’s thin. She’s got a light complexion. She was wearing a dark dress and black shoes. She was involved in the case of ‘The Yellow Face’. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes.

b Missing, a criminal called

Professor Moriarty. He is very tall, and he is very thin. He is bald, and he is clean-shaven. He’s got an aristocratic English accent. He’s got a very light complexion. He was wearing a black coat, black jacket, waistcoat and trousers. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes, who says that he is ‘the Napoleon of Crime’.

c Missing, a gentleman called Reginald Musgrave, who is an old friend of Sherlock Holmes. He is tall and slim. He’s got short light brown hair. He’s got an aristocratic accent. He was wearing a dark coat, trousers and black shoes. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes.

Page 83 – exercise 3

1 man has ever 2 someone contacts 3 less hair than 4 has worn 5 call

Page 83 – exercise 4

Open answers.

Page 84 – exercise 5

A 6 B 7 C 4 D 1 E 5 F 2 G 3

Conan Doyle Defends the Underdog

Page 90 – exercise 1

- 1 He always helped the poor and weak, or in other words, the underdogs.
- 2 He too helped the underdogs in real life.
- 3 He was saying that there were no real people, i.e., Europeans there, and so he could do what he wanted.
- 4 The car industry was just beginning and so there was a huge

need for rubber to make tyres.

- 5 During World War II.
6 Synthetic rubber was first developed.
7 The King and his soldiers did horrible things to the people of the Congo to make them collect rubber. For example, they kidnapped entire villages and they cut off people's hands.
8 He was convicted of horse-maiming and writing threatening letters.
9 He was a very peaceful young man with very bad eyesight.
10 First, he found that George's eyesight was bad which meant that it was practically impossible for him to commit the horse-maiming. Also, Doyle found the person who admitted to the horse-maiming — a butcher with the same handwriting as the person who had written the threatening letters.

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Open answers.

The Yellow Face

Page 92 — exercise 1

Open answers.

Page 92 — exercise 2

1 B 2 B 3 A 4 C 5 A

Page 104 — exercise 1

- A 1 Why 2 How 3 How 4 Who
5 Where 6 What 7 Where
8 What 9 How 10 What 11 Who
12 What 13 Why 14 How
B A 7 B 6 C 4 D 14 E 5 F 8 G 12
H 13 I 2 J 3 K 10 L 1 M 9 N 11

Page 105 — exercise 2

- 1 epidemic 2 Just 3 later 4 germ
5 confirmed 6 disease 7 developed
8 vaccine

Page 106 — exercise 3

- 1 Has Mr Munro ever mended his pipe?
Yes, he has.
2 Has Effie ever been to the United States?
Yes, she has.
3 Has Effie ever asked Mr Munro for money before?
No, she hasn't. Effie has never asked Mr Munro for money before.
4 Has Mr Munro ever been inside the cottage?
Yes, he has.
5 Has Holmes ever seen the yellow face?
No, he hasn't. Holmes has never seen the yellow face.
6 Has Mr Munro ever seen the death certificate of Effie's first husband?
Yes, he has.
7 Has Mr Munro ever met anyone who knew his wife in America?
No, he hasn't. Mr Munro has never met anyone who knew his wife in America.
8 Has Effie ever been inside the cottage?
Yes, she has.

Page 107 — exercise 1

Open answer.

Page 107 — exercise 2

- 1 A 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 B 7 A 8 A
9 B 10 A 11 B

Page 114 — exercise 1

- 1 When they received the telegram from Mr Munro saying that there were people in the cottage.
2 Because she had married a man of African descent.
3 She was wearing a red dress and white gloves — they couldn't see her face because she was facing the other way.
4 They laughed.
5 She looked like her father.
6 Because the little girl was not well.
7 Handsome and intelligent, but obviously of African descent.
8 Because she felt that he would leave her if he discovered that she had a little black daughter.
9 He was shocked, but after Effie explained the situation he willingly accepted both his wife and her little girl.
10 He never said anything directly about his mistake, but he did tell Watson to whisper the word 'Norbury', i.e., the name of the town where Mr Munro lived, should he ever get lazy or overconfident in his own powers.

Page 114 — exercise 2

- 1 A, B, C 2 A, B, C 3 B, C, A 4 C, A, B
5 B, A, C 6 C, B, A 7 B, C, A

Page 116 — exercise 3

- 1 B 2 A 3 A 4 A 5 B 6 A 7 B 8 B
9 A 10 B

Page 117 — exercise 4

Open answers.

Holmes on Stage and Screen

Page 121 — exercise 3

- 1 F — Most of them have added details or even invented things about his life. Holmes has even been moved up to modern times.
2 F — He helped make a film version of his book *The Lost World*, and he adored William Gillette's stage version of his Holmes stories.
3 T
4 T
5 T
6 T
7 F — In 2008, two major Hollywood studios were planning to make two Holmes films.
8 T

Page 122 — exercise 1

Possible captions:

- A A Case of Identity — 'I want to punish you.'
B The Blue Carbuncle — 'Look what I found!'
C The Blue Carbuncle — 'This hat is very interesting, Watson.'
D The Yellow Face — 'What does this mean?'
E A Case of Identity — 'The lady obviously has love problems.'
F A Case of Identity — 'We went to the wedding by hansom cab.'
G The Yellow Face — 'I saw a strange yellow face at the window.'
H The Blue Carbuncle — 'Stop asking me questions about geese!'
I The Blue Carbuncle — 'I made the goose swallow the stone.'
J A Case of Identity — 'I type all my letters.'

K The Yellow Face — ‘It’s about my wife.’

L The Yellow Face — ‘I saw a full length portrait of my wife.’

Page 124 — exercise 2

1 B 2 C 3 A

Page 124 — exercise 3

- 1 The Blue Carbuncle
- 2 Arthur Conan Doyle
- 3 Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson, James Ryder
- 4 Peterson, Mr Henry Baker, the Countess of Morcar, John Horner, Mr Breckinridge, Catherine Cusack, Mrs Oakshott, Mr Windigate, Maudsley
- 5 London
- 6 1800s
- 7 The mystery of the blue carbuncle, who it belonged to and why it ended up inside a goose.

Page 125 — exercise 4

1 C 2 B 3 D 4 B 5 A 6 C 7 D 8 A

Page 125 — exercise 5

Open answer.

Page 126 — exercise 6

- 1 a pipe
- 2 It was written on the inside of his hat.
- 3 Because he was worried about his wife.
- 4 She had lived in America, where her husband and child died of yellow fever.
- 5 £100
- 6 a yellow face
- 7 If you enter our marriage is finished.
- 8 Her first husband or some unscrupulous woman attached to him.
- 9 Effie’s daughter
- 10 Because she was worried that she would lose him.
- 11 He welcomed the child warmly into his family.

Page 126 — exercise 7

Open answer.

Focus on the context

Activity 1

- 1 22 May 1859, in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2 Because he was an alcoholic and epileptic.
- 3 He studied medicine at Edinburgh University.
- 4 ‘A Study in Scarlet’.
- 5 The *Strand* magazine lost 20,000 readers, people wrote thousands of letters to Doyle begging him to bring Holmes back to life and many people insulted him.
- 6 Crowborough, Sussex on 7 July 1930.

Focus on the story

Activity 2

The Blue Carbuncle

- 1 F — Watson visited Sherlock Holmes on the second morning of Christmas.
- 2 F — On Christmas morning Peterson saw a tall man carrying a white goose.
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F — John Horner was arrested for stealing the blue carbuncle.
- 6 F — Holmes found Henry Baker by putting an advertisement in the evening paper.
- 7 T
- 8 F — Holmes found the thief at Mr Breckinridge’s stall.

A Case of Identity

- 1 T
- 2 F — He knew she had come to him in a hurry because she was wearing boots that were not the same and which weren’t completely buttoned.
- 3 F — Miss Sutherland’s father was a plumber.
- 4 T
- 5 F — He disappeared on the day of the wedding.
- 6 F — His signature was also typed.
- 7 T
- 8 F — They recognised it as the description of Mr Windibank.

The Yellow Face

- 1 F — Sherlock Holmes greeted Mr Grant Munro by his name because he saw it written on the inside of his hat.
- 2 T
- 3 F — When they married, Effie put all her money in her husband’s name.
- 4 F — When Mr Munro went to the cottage and offered his help, the tall woman refused his help and shut the door in his face.
- 5 F — Effie asked her husband for one hundred pounds.
- 6 T
- 7 T
- 8 F — Sherlock Holmes made a mistake in his theory.

Activity 3

1 C 2 B 3 B 4 C 5 A 6 D 7 B 8 D
9 A 10 C

Focus on the context

1 Answer the following questions.

- 1 When and where was Arthur Conan Doyle born?
- 2 Why did Arthur's father have to go to live in a mental hospital?
- 3 What did Arthur study and where?
- 4 What was the first Sherlock Holmes story?
- 5 What happened when Arthur killed off Sherlock Holmes in 'The Final Problem'?
- 6 Where and when did Arthur die?

Focus on the story

2 Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

The Blue Carbuncle

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Watson visited Sherlock Holmes on the third morning of Christmas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 On Christmas morning Peterson saw a short man carrying a white goose. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The goose was for Mrs Henry Baker. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Sherlock Holmes discovered that Mr Henry Baker was middle-aged, didn't go out very often and didn't have gas lighting in his house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 James Ryder was arrested for stealing the blue carbuncle. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Holmes found Henry Baker by putting an advertisement in the morning paper. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Mr Baker went to see Sherlock Holmes and was happy to have his hat back as well as a new goose. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Holmes found the thief at Mrs Oakshott's house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A Case of Identity

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Sherlock Holmes looked out of the window, saw Miss Mary Sutherland and knew immediately that she had a love problem. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He knew she had come to him in a hurry because her coat wasn't buttoned up. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Miss Sutherland's father was a doctor. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 Miss Sutherland sent her letters to Mr Angel to the Leadenhall Street Post Office. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Mr Angel disappeared on the day before the wedding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Mr Angel's letters to Miss Sutherland were typed but he always wrote his signature by hand. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Mr Angel was really Mr Windibank. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Sherlock Holmes wrote to Mr Windibank's firm with a description of Mr Angel, but they didn't recognise anyone from the description. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Yellow Face

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Sherlock Holmes greeted Mr Grant Munro by his name because he had met him before. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Mr Grant's wife had lived in America and had been married to a man called Hebron. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 When they married, Mr Munro put all his money in his wife's name. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 When Mr Munro went to the cottage and offered his help, the tall woman accepted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Effie asked her husband for one hundred and fifty pounds. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Sherlock Holmes' theory was that Effie's husband was blackmailing her. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 The yellow face at the window was Effie's daughter's. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Sherlock Holmes was correct in his theory. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3 Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for the following questions.

- 1 Why didn't Peterson return the goose to Mr Henry Baker?
 - A because he wanted to give it to his wife
 - B because he wanted to give it as a present to Sherlock Holmes
 - C because there were hundreds of Henry Bakers in London
 - D because he wanted to sell it
- 2 Where did Henry Baker get the goose from?
 - A He received it from Mr Windigate.
 - B He bought it from Mr Breckinridge.
 - C He found it in the street.
 - D He bought it from Mrs Oakshott.

- 3 Who stole the blue carbuncle from the Countess?
 A John Horner
 B James Ryder
 C Henry Baker
 D Mr Breckinridge
- 4 Why did James Ryder ask his sister for a goose?
 A because he wanted to give it to his wife
 B because he wanted to sell it to Mr Breckinridge
 C because he wanted to hide the blue carbuncle in it
 D because he wanted to give it to his friend Maudsley
- 5 What was Mr Angel like?
 A He had black hair and a moustache.
 B He had black hair and no moustache.
 C He had light hair and a moustache.
 D He had light hair and no moustache.
- 6 What were the distinctive things about Mr Windibank's typewriter?
 A It had forty defects including the letter 'r'.
 B It had four defects including the letter 'r'.
 C It had fourteen defects including the letter 'r'.
 D It had a defect in the letter 'r'.
- 7 Why did Mr Windibank play a trick on his step-daughter?
 A He was no longer in love with her mother.
 B He wanted her money.
 C He was really in love with her.
 D He wanted to take her to France with him.

- 8 Why did Effie say she had left America?
 A Her husband had been cruel to her so she ran away.
 B Her husband had blackmailed her so she ran away.
 C She was no longer in love with her husband.
 D Her husband and child had died of a yellow fever epidemic.
- 9 What did Mr Munro find when he entered the cottage?
 A a photograph of his wife
 B a photograph of Effie's first husband
 C a photograph of a small child
 D a photograph of Effie with her first husband and child
- 10 Who was behind the yellow mask?
 A Effie's first husband
 B Effie
 C Effie's daughter
 D Effie's servant from America