

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Investigates



KEY TO THE EXERCISES 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

INTERNET PROJECT

<http://www.sherlock-holmes.co.uk/>

- The house was built in 1815 and is listed by the Government to protect its architectural and cultural heritage.
- Mr Holmes's armchair is by the fireside. His possessions are in their usual places: his deerstalker, magnifying glass, calabash pipe, violin, chemistry equipment, notebook, Persian slipper and disguises. The walls are a red colour and the style is Victorian.
- Doctor Watson's and Mrs Hudson's rooms are on the second floor.

The third floor exhibit rooms contain a new and stunning arrangement of wax models of scenes from the stories.

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1. d 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. b

THE BLUE CARBUNCLE

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a. 4 b. 1 c. 2 d. 3

Page 16 – exercise 2

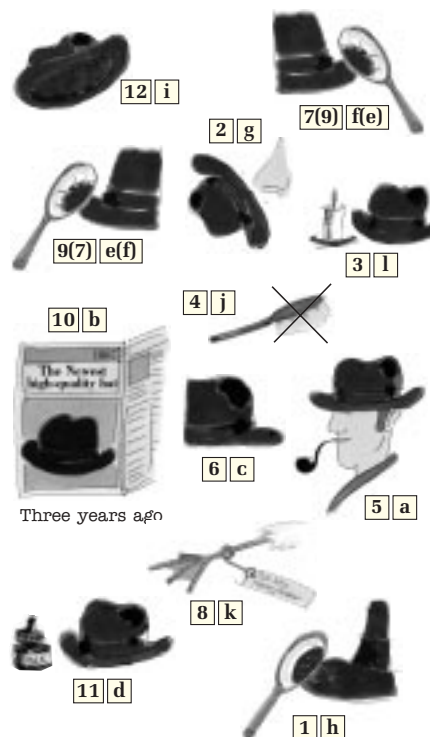
a. 4 b. 1 c. 2 d. 6 e. 3 f. 5
 1. hands 2. visited 3. Next 4. hat
 5. live 6. possible 7. know 8. said
 9. simple 10. crime

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- a. Watson visited Holmes on the second morning of Christmas.
- b. No, it wasn't.
- c. Because he could deduce many things about its owner's life by simply examining it carefully.

- d. He was a commissionaire and one of Sherlock Holmes' friends.
- e. Some men.
- f. Because he had broken the shop window when he tried to defend himself, and he thought that Peterson was a policeman.
- g. Because there were hundreds of Henry Bakers living in London.
- h. Because he knew that Holmes was interested in even the smallest problems.
- i. By looking carefully at the hat.

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Page 30 – exercise 3

- 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 31 – exercise 4

come – came put – put lie – lay
 run – ran see – saw keep – kept
 give – gave lose – lost say – said
 have/has – had

- a. Holmes didn't say that only important crimes are interesting.
- b. Henry Baker lost a goose and a hat.
- c. Watson didn't see many things when he looked at the hat.
- d. Holmes gave the goose to Peterson.
- e. Mr Henry Baker didn't have a lot of money.
- f. Holmes kept the hat, but he didn't keep the goose.

Page 31 – exercise 5

Open answer.

Page 32 – exercise 6

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. b 5. d
- a. Who does this goose belong to? It belongs to Mr and Mrs Baker. Are you sure it's theirs? Yes, I am.



Key to the exercises

- b. Who does this brush belong to?
It belongs to Watson's wife.
Are you sure it's hers?
Yes, I am.
- c. Who do these forceps and magnifying glass belong to?
They belong to Sherlock Holmes.
Are you sure they're his?
Yes, I am.
- d. Who does this hat belong to?
It belongs to Mr Henry Baker.
Are you sure it's his?
Yes, I am.
- e. Who does this uniform belong to?
It belongs to Peterson.
Are you sure it's his?
Yes, I am.

Page 34 – exercise 1

a. 2 b. 4 c. 1 d. 3

Page 36 – exercise 2

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

Page 50 – exercise 1

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

Page 52 – exercise 2

a. 4 b. 9 c. 3 d. 7 e. 5 f. 6 g. 8
h. 2 i. 10 j. 1

Page 52 – 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' 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

Page 58 – exercise 1

- a. It was a luxury liner.
b. Yes, he did.
c. 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.
d. There were 2,200 passengers on board and only 700 survived.

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Open answer.

Page 59 – exercise 3

What Arthur Conan Doyle thought:

The newspapers wrote good things about the crew of the *Titanic*. The band played the religious song 'Nearer to God' to keep the passengers calm. Captain Smith was an honoured sailor who made one 'terrible mistake'.

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The crew of the *Titanic* did their duty well. You should not hurt other people's feelings for no reason.

What George Bernard Shaw thought:

The newspapers wrote 'romantic lies' about the *Titanic*.

The band on the ship played happy songs so that the poorer, third-class passengers would not know the ship was sinking, and therefore they would not try to get on the lifeboats reserved for the rich first-class passengers.

Captain Smith knew that there were icebergs in the area, but he took a chance and lost. Because of this many people died.

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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- a. The captain didn't order the crew to slow down the *Titanic* in case of icebergs.
b. The captain ordered the crew to telephone the bridge if they saw icebergs.
c. The captain ordered the crew to go full speed ahead, even though there were icebergs.
d. The captain didn't order the crew to put the men in the lifeboats at 12.00 a.m.
e. The captain didn't order the crew to stay on the *Titanic* when it was sinking.

A CASE OF IDENTITY

Page 62 – exercise 1

a. 4 b. 1 c. 2 d. 6 e. 3 f. 5

Page 64 – exercise 2-3

Open answers.

Page 65 – exercise 4

1. earrings 2. blouse 3. necklace
4. boots 5. hat 6. jacket
7. bracelet 8. dress 9. high-heeled shoes

Page 66 – exercise 5

1. house 2. invent 3. books
4. boring 5. interesting
6. husband 7. wife 8. drank

Page 81 – 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 82 – exercise 2

- a. What's that magazine article about?
It's about a famous detective who believes there are fairies.
b. What's that newspaper article about?
It's about a woman who was blackmailed by her leprous husband.
c. What's that novel about?
It's about Professor Challenger who discovers living dinosaurs in Brazil.
d. What's that film about?
It's about Sherlock Holmes who faces the killer dog from hell.
e. What's that TV show about?
It's about American scientists who use DNA to solve crimes.
f. What's that short story about?
It's about the detective who solved the case of the blue carbuncle.

Page 84 – exercise 3

A a. 3 b. 2 c. 5 d. 1 e. 7 f. 4
g. 6
B b. The woman in the street must have a love problem because she

Key to the exercises

- hesitates to ring Holmes' doorbell.
- c. Miss Sutherland must wear glasses because she has marks on both sides of her nose.
- d. Miss Sutherland's father must really be her stepfather because he has a different surname from hers.
- e. Mr Angel must have weak eyes because he wears glasses.
- f. According to Miss Sutherland, Mr Angel must be fond of her, because he did not want typed letters from her.
- g. Miss Sutherland must be in love with Hosmer Angel because she says that she will always wait for him.

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Open answer.

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All three stories are true!

Page 87 – exercise 1

1. top hat 2. moustache
3. sideboards 4. shirt 5. suit
6. overcoat 7. shoes 8. beard
9. hat 10. jacket 11. tie
12. waistcoat, or vest 13. trousers
14. boots

Page 88 – exercise 2

1. left 2. a speech defect
3. a sallow complexion 4. see
5. said 6. call it conclusive
7. dear fellow 8. replied
9. sign his letters

Page 100 – exercise 1

- a. So that he would not be legally responsible for what he did.
b. So that Miss Sutherland would not recognise his signature.
c. Because he did not want to lose the hundred pounds that Miss Sutherland gave to her mother every year.

- d. Mr Windibank.
e. He wore false sideboards and moustache. He wore dark glasses and he changed his voice and spoke in a whisper.
f. Because Mr Hosmer Angel, in truth Mr Windibank, could not keep going away every time Miss Sutherland and 'Mr Angel' saw each other. Also, Mr Windibank could not marry Miss Sutherland.
g. He entered a cab through one door, and then immediately got out through the other.
h. Because they both had the same defects on the same letters.
i. First there are the physical defects of the characters. Mr Angel has a speech defect which makes Holmes think that he wants to disguise his voice. Miss Sutherland has a 'sight' defect which makes Holmes think that a disguise would be effective. Then there are the defects of the letters of the typewriter which permit Holmes to discover that the letters from Mr Hosmer Angel were typed with the same typewriter that Mr Windibank used to type letters in his office.

Page 100 – exercise 2

(If the teacher wishes he/she can give the students these phrases to help them with this exercise.)

Clothing:

- She's wearing a pink dress.
- He's wearing a waistcoat and a dark brown suit.
- She's wearing a pink skirt.
- She's wearing glasses.
- She's wearing a white dress, a black jacket and high-heeled shoes.

Key to the exercises

Hair on the head and on the face (facial hair):

- She has got long black hair.
- She has got short blonde hair.
- He has got grey (black, brown, blond) hair.
- He is bald.
- He has got a beard (moustache, sideboards).
- He hasn't got a beard.
- He is clean-shaven = He hasn't got a moustache, beard or sideboards.

Skin colour (complexion):

- She has got a dark complexion = She has got dark skin.
- He's got a sallow complexion = He has got sallow skin.
- He's got a light complexion = She has got light skin.

Build (Structure of body):

- He is strongly built.
- She is thin.
- He is fat.
- She is tall.
- He is short.
- He is of average height = Not too tall, not too short.

Other characteristics:

- He's got a speech defect.
- She's got a foreign accent.
- He's got blue (brown, grey, green) eyes.

a. (Possible answers.)

Missing, a lady called Irene Adler. She is about 5ft. 5in. tall. She's thin. She's got black hair. She's got an American accent. She's got a light complexion. She was wearing a dark blue jacket, light blue dress and white boots. She was also wearing a necklace and earrings. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes because he has

always considered her 'the woman', because she is the only woman who ever defeated him.

- 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, dark grey waistcoat, black trousers and black boots. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes who says that he is 'the Napoleon of Crime'.
- c. Missing, a gentleman called Mycroft Holmes, the brother of world-famous detective Sherlock Holmes. He is strongly built and fat. He's got short light brown hair. He's got an aristocratic accent. He's got a light complexion. He was wearing a black jacket, yellow waistcoat, grey trousers and black boots. Please contact Mr Sherlock Holmes.

Page 102 – exercise 3

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

Page 103 – exercise 4

a. 6 b. 7 c. 4 d. 1 e. 5 f. 2 g. 3

Page 105 – exercise 5

Open answer.

ARTHUR DEFENDS THE UNDERDOG

Page 110 – exercise 1

- a. Rubber.
b. It was used in the new automobile industry.
c. Sometimes the Belgians would cut off the hands of the people

Key to the exercises

- who did not collect enough rubber.
- d. He was a British diplomat who fought on behalf of the Africans of the Congo.
- e. He was accused of horse-maiming and of writing threatening anonymous letters.
- f. He was a calm, gentle, hard-working young man with bad eyesight who never drank.
- g. Arthur showed that the crime would have been difficult to commit for someone with bad eyesight. In addition, he showed that the horse-maiming continued when George was in prison, but stopped when Arthur's suspect was away. Finally, Arthur's suspect admitted to having done horse-maiming and his hand-writing was the same as the hand-writing in the threatening letters.

THE YELLOW FACE

Page 112 – exercise 1

1. physical 2. walk 3. hours
4. was 5. room 6. return 7. lost
8. park 9. much 10. explained
11. costs 12. new

Page 124 – 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. Why
- 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 126 – exercise 2

- a. There was a yellow-fever epidemic in Atlanta.
- b. Suddenly, he saw a face watching him from the upper window!

- c. Mr Munro was surprised to see his wife walk out of the mysterious cottage.
Effie: If you enter our marriage is finished.
Munro: I will trust you.
- d. Mr Munro tells Holmes and Watson his story.
Munro: She has become like a stranger to me.
- e. Mr Munro knocked at the door of the cottage. A strange woman opened the door.
Munro: Do you need any help?
Woman: If we need any help, we'll call you.
- f. Effie put all her money in her husband's name.
Munro: How much do you want?
Effie: One hundred pounds.
Munro: What for?

Correct chronological order of pictures: a, f, b, e, c, d.

Page 129 – exercise 3

- a. Has Mr Munro ever mended his pipe?
Yes, he has.
- b. Has Effie ever been to the United States?
Yes, she has.
- c. Has Effie ever asked Mr Munro for money before?
No, she hasn't. Effie has never asked Mr Munro for money before.
- d. Has Mr Munro ever been inside the cottage?
Yes, he has.
- e. Has Holmes ever seen the yellow face?
No, he hasn't. Holmes has never seen the yellow face.
- f. Has Mr Munro ever seen the death certificate of Effie's first husband?
Yes, he has.

Key to the exercises

- g. 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.
- h. Has Effie ever been inside the cottage?
Yes, she has.

Page 131 – exercise 1

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

Page 140 – exercise 1

- a. When they received the telegram from Mr Munro saying that there were people in the cottage.
- b. Because she had married a man of African descent.
- c. She took after her father.
- d. Because the little girl was not well.
- e. Because she felt that he would leave her if he discovered that she had a little black daughter.

- f. He was shocked, but after Effie explained the situation he willingly accepted both his wife and her little girl.
- g. 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 140 – 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

EXIT TEST

Answers in book.

Focus on the context

1 Answer the following questions.

- a. When and where was Arthur Conan Doyle born?
- b. Why did Arthur’s father have to go to live in a mental hospital?
- c. What did Arthur study and where?
- d. What was the first Sherlock Holmes story?
- e. What happened when Arthur killed off Sherlock Holmes in *The Final Problem*?
- f. Where and when did Arthur die?

SCORE / 6

Focus on the story

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

The Blue Carbuncle

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Watson visited Sherlock Holmes on the third morning of Christmas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. On Christmas morning Peterson saw a short man carrying a white goose. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The goose was for Mrs Henry Baker. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. 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"/> |
| e. James Ryder was arrested for stealing the blue carbuncle. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Holmes found Henry Baker by putting an advertisement in the morning paper. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. 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"/> |
| h. Holmes found the thief at Mrs Oakshott’s house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A Case of Identity

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. 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"/> |
| b. He knew she had come to him in a hurry because her coat wasn’t buttoned up. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Miss Sutherland’s father was a doctor. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Miss Sutherland sent her letters to Mr Angel to the Leadenhall Street Post Office. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Mr Angel disappeared on the day before the wedding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Mr Angel’s letters to Miss Sutherland were typed but he always wrote his signature by hand. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Mr Angel was really Mr Windibank. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. 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 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Sherlock Holmes greeted Mr Grant Munro by his name because he had met him before. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Mr Grant’s wife had lived in America and had been married to a man called Hebron. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. When they married, Mr Munro put all his money in his wife’s name. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. When Mr Munro went to the cottage and offered his help, the tall woman accepted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Effie asked her husband for one hundred and fifty pounds. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Sherlock Holmes’ theory was that Effie’s husband was blackmailing her. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. The yellow face at the window was Effie’s daughter’s. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Sherlock Holmes was correct in his theory. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SCORE /24

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, black sideboards and a moustache.
 - b. He had black hair, no sideboards and no moustache.
 - c. He had light hair, sideboards and a moustache.
 - d. He had dark hair, a moustache but no sideboards.
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.

SCORE /10TOTAL SCORE /40

Key to the exit test

Focus on the context

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- a. 22 May 1859, in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- b. Because he was an alcoholic and epileptic.
- c. He studied medicine at Edinburgh University.
- d. *A Study in Scarlet*.
- e. 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.
- f. Crowborough, Sussex on 7 July 1930.

Focus on the story

2

The Blue Carbuncle

- a. False – Watson visited Sherlock Holmes on the second morning of Christmas.
- b. False – On Christmas morning Peterson saw a tall man carrying a white goose.
- c. True
- d. True
- e. False – John Horner was arrested for stealing the blue carbuncle.
- f. False – Holmes found Henry Baker by putting an advertisement in the evening paper.
- g. True
- h. False – Holmes found the thief at Mr Breckinridge's stall.

A Case of Identity

- a. True
- b. False – 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.

- c. False – Miss Sutherland's father was a plumber.
- d. True
- e. False – He disappeared on the day of the wedding.
- f. False – His signature was also typed.
- g. True
- h. False – They recognised it as the description of Mr Windibank.

The Yellow Face

- a. False – Sherlock Holmes greeted Mr Grant Munro by his name because he saw it written on the inside of his hat.
- b. True
- c. False – When they married, Effie put all her money in her husband's name.
- d. False – When Mr Munro went to the cottage and offered his help, the tall woman refused his help and shut the door in his face.
- e. False – Effie asked her husband for one hundred pounds.
- f. True
- g. True
- h. False – Sherlock Holmes made a mistake in his theory.

3

1. c 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. d
7. b 8. d 9. a 10. c