

Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a lawyer, stepfather b crown, veil
c revolver, snake, (poker) d shutters, ventilate
- 3 c, d
- 4 a B b DR c DR d B e B f HS g HS
h DR i HS j DR
- 5 a 5 b 9 c 7 d 2 e 4 f 8 g 1 h 3 i 6
- 6 a The police found no marks of violence on the body, and doctors found no signs of poison. People believe that she died of fear.
b No, because he is rude, violent and noisy.
c No, because if she marries, he will lose 250 pounds a year.
- 7 Open answers
- 8 a DR b HS c EB d HS e HS f HS, DR
g DR h HS i EB j DR
- 9 a The noise of the building work makes Helen move her bedroom next to his.
b He keeps his snake inside the iron box.
c His medical knowledge gives him information about poisons that cannot be discovered.
d The bell rope helps the snake to pass from the ventilator to Helen's bed.
e The snake passes through the ventilator into Helen's bedroom.
f The snake returns to its box when it hears his whistle.
- 10 a He knows that nobody from outside can get in, so the band of travellers cannot be guilty.
b It is the sound of the snake coming through the ventilator.
c It is strange that it does not open to the outside air.
d It is not connected to a bell.
e It is fixed to the floor. The murderer wants to know exactly where Helen is at night.
f It has often been stood on. Roylott uses it to reach the ventilator with his snake.
g It is the sound of Dr Roylott closing the metal box after the snake has returned.
- 11 a Open answers
b No. (Possible answer: to protect Mary)
c Open answers
- 12 a The war between the North and South of the country.
b An important officer in the southern states' army.
- 13 a X b X c ✓ d X e ✓ f ✓ g X h ✓
i ✓ j ✓
- 14 a The postmarks on the envelopes show that the orange pips were posted from different seaports.
b The piece of light blue paper is from Elias Openshaw's private diary. It shows that he had connections with the K.K.K.
c The book gives Holmes information about the connection between orange pips and the K.K.K. It also shows that the power of the K.K.K. ended in the same year that Elias left the USA with the society's papers.
d Holmes goes to the port of London to study the lists of ships for Pondicherry and Dundee. This information helps him to discover the importance of the *Lone Star*.
e One of the workers at the port tells Holmes that three officers were not on the *Lone Star* when John Openshaw was murdered.
- 15 a Because they did not return the K.K.K.'s papers.
b The K.K.K.
c Possible answer: He is probably unhappy, because he could not save John Openshaw's life and the three murderers died before they were caught.
- 16–17 Open answers
- 18 a worried b six c dislikes d dressing room
e angry f outside g is not h Lucy i another
j outside
- 19 a He is studying the footprints and other marks in the snow.
b He was standing outside the kitchen door on the night that the diamonds were stolen.
c He wants to see how the cupboard was opened, and how noisy the lock is.
d It has a bent, broken edge, which shows it was not easy to take the diamonds off.
e If it broke, it would make a 'noise like a gunshot'. Mr Holder was not woken by a loud noise, so the crown was not broken inside the house.
f He wants to know whether Arthur was wearing shoes (because some of the footprints in the snow were of a man without shoes).

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20 Mr Holder told Arthur and Mary about the crown while they were having *coffee*. Arthur thought that the crown would *not* be safe in the cupboard in the dressing room. Later, Arthur asked his father for some money, but his father *angrily* refused. Mr Holder checked the crown, spoke to *Mary* and went to bed. He was woken at *two* o'clock in the morning by a *soft* noise. He found Arthur in the next room with crown in his hands. Mary rushed into the room and *fell to the floor*. Arthur *did not tell* his father where the diamonds were and his father insulted him. The police were called and Arthur was taken away.

21–22 Open answers

23 a Holmes b Mr Holder c Mary, Mr Holder
d Arthur, Mary e Mary, Sir George Burnwell
f Arthur, Sir George Burnwell g Arthur
h Sir George Burnwell

24 Mr Holder is happy to get the diamonds back, unhappy about Mary and angry with himself for not believing his son.
Arthur is hurt that Mary loves Sir George Burnwell and that his father insulted him. He will feel happier when his father apologises to him.
Mary feels guilty about causing trouble for Mr Holder and Arthur, but is happy to be with Sir George.
Sir George Burnwell is pleased that he has not been sent to prison and that he has £600 for the diamonds. The man with the diamonds is very happy, because he bought the diamonds for £600 and sold them for £3,000.

25 a He wears old clothes to visit Sir George.
b He finds a lot of footprints in the snow.
c Blood on the snow shows him that there was a fight.
d Mary's face showed shock when she saw Arthur with the crown.
e She believed that Sir George had stolen the crown.
f The wet footprint shows that a man with no shoes (Arthur) climbed in through the hall window.
g Arthur does not tell the truth about the diamonds because of his love for Mary.
h Sir George's old shoes are the same size as the footprints in the snow.
i Holmes pays 3,000 pounds to get the diamonds back. Later, Mr Holder gives him a cheque for the same amount.

26 a Holmes is talking to Mr Holder about Mary's disappearance with Sir George.
b Holmes is talking to Mr Holder about Arthur.
c Mr Holder is talking to Holmes after he hears the truth about the diamonds.
d Sir George is talking to Holmes about the diamonds.
e Holmes is talking to Mr Holder about Mary.

27–37 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 Suggested answer:
Speckled:
Band:
- 3 Suggested answer:
Dr Roylott had a very violent temper: no servants stayed with the family for long, the sisters had to do all the housework; Dr Roylott kept Indian animals in the house, etc.
- 4 Suggested answer:
They were unable to find the cause of Julia's death. There were no marks of violence on her.
- 5 Suggested answer:
Helen is getting married soon.
She is sleeping in her sister's bedroom.
She has heard the low whistle her sister heard before her death.
- 6 Open answers
- 7 Suggested answer:
 - shutters that no one can open if the iron bars are in place.
 - building work which is not necessary.
 - bell ropes which are not real bells.
 - ventilators which go into another room when they could go to the outside air.
 - a large iron box with a small bowl of milk on top of it.
 - a small dog lead with the end tied in a small circle.
 - a bed that is fixed to the floor, near the bell rope and under the ventilator.

8–10 Open answers

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11 Suggested answers:

John: I need your help.

Police detective: Clam down, sir. What do you need help with?

John: My uncle died some time ago. Everybody believed it was an accident at the time but I don't think so. He had got a letter some time before and got very afraid. Then my father died. He was found in a hole. There was another letter before that.

The letters were the same, with the same message.

And now there is another letter. I am in danger.

Police detective: These letters can be a joke. Someone wants to be funny. Or make you afraid. The deaths of the other men were accidents. You are in no danger.

And we have a lot of work. Goodbye.

12 Suggested answers:

He should start at the port because the letters came from cities with a big port.

He must find a connection between the cities and a person or ship.

13–15 Open answers

16 Suggested answers:

Because he looked at the snow carefully and he saw different prints: heavy boots, a small round mark next to a footprint, near the gate.

17 Suggested answer:

Holmes thinks Arthur is innocent. He did not steal the crown. But why did he have it in his hands? Why doesn't he answer the questions? Then who stole it? The windows were locked. If someone else stole the crown, how did that person get into the house? Is Lucy, the female servant, honest?

Holmes needs to see the house in Streatham, and talk to more people.

18 Suggested answer:

Holmes: I am interested in the stones you bought a short time ago.

Man: Which ones?

Holmes: Three small brilliant stones.

Man: Why do you want them?

Holmes: They are very important for me. They have been in the family for a long time. They used to be my grandmother's. And they are part of a larger piece that I would like to repair. Then I can give it to my wife as a present.

Man: But I paid for them. They are expensive.

Holmes: I can pay you well. A thousand pounds for each.

Man: Done! Here you are.

19–23 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

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

2 a shut
b argued
c made
d ended
e became
f be controlled
g threw
h was not reported
i allowed
j went
k liked

3 a 13 b 5 c 6 d 3 e 4 f 7 g 9 h 8
i 10 j 2 k 12 l 11 m 1

4 a 13 b 26 c 18 d 24 e 14 f 4 g 9
h 2 i 6 j 16 k 15 l 11 m 21 n 17
o 19 p 25 q 8 r 7 s 3 t 5 u 12
v 23 w 1 x 22 y 20 z 10

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

6 a 6 b 5 c 4 d 7 e 8 f 2 g 1 h 3

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

8 a Arthur
b Alexander
c Mary
d Alexander
e Arthur
f Alexander

9 a None, except for my business partner and his family, and sometimes Arthur's friends.

b Arthur does. Mary and I stay at home.

c She is quiet. And she is not very young. She is twenty-four.

d A terrible shock!

e I saw him with my own eyes with the crown in his hands.

f Yes, it was bent out of shape.

Progress test key

1 a Helen Stoner b Dr Roylott c Julia Stoner
d Sherlock Holmes e Dr Watson

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

3 a 4 b 3 c 1 d 5 e 2

4 a 1 b 2 c 3 d 3 e 2

5 a Wooden leg b Mary c Boots d Mr Holder
e Arthur