

Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

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While reading

The Speckled Band

1 Match each name with one of the descriptions.

- a Sherlock Holmes
- b Dr Watson
- c Baker Street
- d Mrs Hudson
- e Mrs Farintosh
- f Helen Stoner
- g Dr Roylott
- h Stoke Moran
- i Calcutta
- j Julia Stoner
- 1) a person who Holmes helped in the past
- 2) a servant to Holmes and Watson
- 3) a detective
- 4) Helen Stoner's stepfather
- 5) Helen's twin sister
- 6) Holmes's friend and helper
- 7) the woman who came to see Holmes early in the morning
- 8) where Helen Stoner and Dr Roylott live
- 9) where Dr Stoner worked in the past
- 10) where Holmes and Watson live

2 Helen says (page 4) 'But our stepfather changed at about this time.'

Complete these sentences about Dr Roylott.

Use a verb from the box in each case.

allowed argued ended be controlled became shut liked made went threw was not reported

- a He himself away in the old house.
- b He with everyone.
- c His temper was worse by his time in prison.
- d Two terrible fights in the police court.
- e He the terror of the village.
- f He cannot when he is angry.
- g Last week he a man off a bridge into a stream.
- h This to the police because Helen paid money.
- i He travelling people to camp on his land.

- j Sometimes he away with them for several weeks.
- k He Indian animals which were sent over to him by a friend.

3 Put in order these events from the night of Julia's death.

- a ☐ Helen called loudly for her stepfather.
- b ☐ Helen heard a low whistle.
- c ☐ Helen heard a noise like metal falling.
- d ☐ Helen heard her sister scream.
- e ☐ Helen opened her bedroom door.
- f ☐ Helen ran down the passage.
- g ☐ Helen threw her arms round her sister.
- h ☐ Julia came out of her bedroom.
- i ☐ Julia fell to the ground.
- j ☐ Julia locked her bedroom door.
- k ☐ Julia pointed in the direction of the doctor's room.
- l ☐ Julia screamed, 'The speckled band!'
- m ☐ Julia went into her bedroom.

4 Match the word or words in each column to make phrases from the final part of the story.

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| a bright | 1) band |
| b middle | 2) bird |
| c dark | 3) box |
| d long, thin | 4) candle |
| e box | 5) chair |
| f end | 6) clock |
| g terrible | 7) cry |
| h night | 8) face |
| i church | 9) hours |
| j burning | 10) knees |
| k heated | 11) lamp |
| l small | 12) lead |
| m gentle | 13) light |
| n steam | 14) matches |
| o bell | 15) metal |
| p low, clear | 16) oil |
| q pale | 17) pot |
| r horrible | 18) road |
| s iron | 19) rope |
| t wooden | 20) snake |
| u dog | 21) sound |
| v terrible | 22) spots |
| w strange | 23) stare |
| x brown | 24) stick |
| y most dangerous type | 25) whistle |
| z dead man's | 26) window |

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- 5 Match the statements (a–f) and replies (1–6) from pages 22 and 23.
- a Who would come tonight?
 - b I have come for advice.
 - c And help.
 - d I heard from Captain Prendergast how you saved him in that business at the Tankerville Club.
 - e He said that you could solve anything – that you are never beaten.
 - f Tell me some details of your case.
 - 1) Ah, of course. They said that he cheated at cards.
 - 2) I have been beaten – three times by men and once by a woman.
 - 3) If someone needs my help, it must be a serious case.
 - 4) It is not an ordinary one.
 - 5) That is easy.
 - 6) That is not always so easy.
- 6 Match the statements (a–h) and replies (1–8) from the conversation between John and Holmes on pages 28–30.
- a What have you done?
 - b Has he (the policeman) come with you tonight?
 - c So why did you come to me? And why did you not come immediately?
 - d Have you anything else than can help us?
 - e You must go home immediately, and act.
 - f Do you understand?
 - g How will you go home?
 - h Remember to guard yourself well.
 - 1) By train from Waterloo Station.
 - 2) Completely.
 - 3) I am carrying a gun.
 - 4) I only spoke to Captain Prendergast about my problem today, and he told me to come and see you.
 - 5) No, he was ordered to stay in the house.
 - 6) Nothing.
 - 7) There is one thing.
 - 8) What shall I do?

The Crown of Diamonds

- 7 Match each verb with one of the sentence endings to make the actions of the man who came to see Holmes.
- a He ran
 - b He waved
 - c He shook
 - d He rushed
 - e He moved
 - f He pulled
 - 1) his head.
 - 2) at his hair.
 - 3) at the door.
 - 4) from side to side.
 - 5) his arms up and down.
 - 6) along the street.
- 8 Who said each of the following things (pages 42 to 45)? Write the name of the character.
- a 'Where have you put it?'
.....
 - b 'I have been too generous with you already.'
.....
 - c 'Did you give Lucy permission to go out tonight?'
.....
 - d 'What are you doing with the crown?'
.....
 - e 'It would be to your advantage if I could leave the house for five minutes first.'
.....
 - f 'I have lost my good name, my diamonds and my son in one night.'
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- 9 How does Alexander reply to these questions and statements on pages 45 and 46. Give the answers.
- a Do you have many guests in your house?
.....
 - b Do you go out much?
.....
 - c That is unusual for a young girl.
.....
 - d This business was a shock to her too.
.....
 - e And you both believe that your son is guilty?
.....
 - f Was the rest of the crown damaged?
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1 Write the names next to the person who says or thinks this.

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Julia Stoner Dr Roylott

- a 'It's not the cold that makes me shake.'
.....
- b 'Stay away from my business. I know that Miss Stone has been here.'
- c 'Have you heard anyone whistle in the middle of the night?'
- d 'You must lock away from him tonight.'
.....
- e 'We must stop a clever and horrible crime.'
.....

2 What happened first? Number the sentences.

- a ☐ This was followed by a strong smell of burning oil: someone in the next room had lit a small lamp.
- b ☐ Then the two men heard a low clear whistle.
- c ☐ The two men rushed into Dr Roylott's room.
- d ☐ Twelve o'clock passed and one, and two and three.
- e ☐ Holmes and Watson sat silently, waiting for something to happen.
- f ☐ Round the doctor's head there was a very dangerous snake.
- g ☐ After half an hour a very gentle sound like steam escaping from a pot was heard.
- h ☐ Next Holmes and Watson heard a loud scream of pain and anger.
- i ☐ Suddenly a light shone in the direction of the ventilator.
- j ☐ Holmes jumped from the bed, lit the candle and struck with his stick at the bell rope.

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3 Match a sentence from a–e to one from 1–5.

- a Elias Openshaw left Florida and came back to England.
- b Uncle Elias was found face down in a small lake at the bottom of the garden.
- c John's father fell into a deep hole and died soon afterwards.
- d The letters come from places which are all ports.

- e John's body was found near Waterloo Bridge.
- 1) The police thought it was an accident.
- 2) The police thought he had fallen into the river by mistake in the dark.
- 3) The police thought he killed himself because he had been acting strangely.
- 4) He had a very strong reason.
- 5) The writers must be on a ship.

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4 Choose the correct option.

- a A very important man wanted the bank to lend him fifty thousand pounds because
- 1) he wanted to make it a matter of business.
- 2) he couldn't borrow that sum from his friends.
- 3) he had lost the money playing cards.
- b Mr Holder took the crown of diamonds home because
- 1) he wanted his son to see it.
- 2) several banks had been robbed.
- 3) he had been asked not to lose sight of it.
- c Mary refused to marry Arthur because
- 1) they were cousins.
- 2) he always lost money at horse races.
- 3) she was in love with another man.
- d Mr Holder wrote a cheque
- 1) to pay Holmes for his work.
- 2) to get his son out of prison.
- 3) to allow Holmes to buy the diamonds back.
- e Mary wrote a letter saying
- 1) she would kill herself.
- 2) she was leaving.
- 3) she was marrying Sir George.

5 What happened the night the crown disappeared? Choose the right name to complete the sentences.

- Boots Wooden leg Arthur Mary Mr Holder
- a was the man who brought the vegetables. He came to see Lucy, the young servant.
- b talked to her lover through the window and gave him the crown.
- c was a dangerous man. He was hurt in the fight for the crown. His blood was on the snow.
- d found his son in the room with the crown. When he did not answer his questions, the banker thought he was the thief.
- e kept his cousin's secret and went to prison for it.