

Sherlock Holmes Short Stories

Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a addict, client, cripple, maid, pawnbroker, undertaker
b Possible answers are: axe, catalepsy, chloroform, opium
c clay, plough, soil, straw (and possibly axe and cart)
- 3 a a patient
b the Bar of Gold
c a popular man
d on business
e believe
f dead
g beggar
h wash
i needed to earn more money
j find another job
- 4 a Saint Clair becomes a beggar because he can earn more money than as a newspaper reporter, and he needs the money.
b Blood is found on the window and bedroom floor of the upstairs room at the Bar of Gold. This makes everyone believe that Saint Clair has been injured or murdered. In fact, he accidentally cut himself in his bathroom that morning.
c Holmes pretends to be an old man at the Bar of Gold. Saint Clair was an actor before he was a reporter. He uses his acting skills to pretend to be a beggar.
d Mrs Saint Clair finds a box of toys in the upstairs room at the Bar of Gold, which proves that her husband has been there.
e Mrs Saint Clair receives her husband's ring through the post with a letter in her husband's handwriting. This suggests to her that her husband must still be alive (although Holmes is not so sure).
f Holmes uses a wet cloth to wash away the false skin and twisted lip from Saint Clair's face.
- 5–6 Open answers
- 7 a 8 b 1 c 3 d 6 e 2 f 7 g 4 h 9
i 10 j 5
- 8 a Dr Watson to Hatherley, about his wounded hand.
b Hatherley to Stark, when Stark shows that he knows personal details about Hatherley's private life.
c Stark to Hatherley, about his secret plans to dig Fuller's earth from his land.
d Stark to Hatherley, about their arrangement for that night.
e Holmes to Hatherley, about the condition of the house at Eyford Station.
f Elise to Hatherley, warning him to leave.
g Hatherley to Holmes and Watson, describing his suspicions about the machine that he had been asked to examine.
h Hatherley to Holmes and Watson, describing what he did after he had lost his thumb.
i Holmes to Bradstreet, Hatherley, Watson and another policeman, about where the house might be.
j The stationmaster to Hatherley, about Dr Becher (Mr Ferguson).
- 9–11 Open answers
- 12 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✗ e ✓ f ✓ g ✓ h ✓
i ✗ j ✓
- 13 a In a black box at the end of his bed.
b From the Worthingdon bank robbery.
c He is hanged by Biddle and Hayward.
d He knows, from the different cigar ends on the floor, that there were other men in the room with him.
e He has written a book on catalepsy.
f He needs the money for a private practice.
g Because he gave the police information about the other three robbers.
h Biddle and Hayward acted as judges in a 'trial'.
i One of Dr Trevelyan's servants.
j Blessington
- 14–15 Open answers
- 16 a jewels/diamonds
b Marie Devine
c Dr Schlessinger
d Holmes's telegram/joke
e the wild man/Philip Green
f Henry Peters (Schlessinger)
g a coffin
h a funeral
i Peters
j the coffin
- 17 a Holmes sends Watson there because Lady Frances disappeared from a hotel recently.
b Lady Frances stayed there for two weeks. She met Schlessinger there.

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- c Dr Watson visits Marie Devine there. He has a fight with Philip Green and meets Holmes, who is dressed as a French workman.
- d Peters had his ear torn in a fight there.
- e Philip Green follows Annie Fraser to this address in London. Peters and Fraser are keeping Lady Frances a prisoner there.
- f Peters and Fraser take a dying old lady from there, pretending that she is an old servant.
- 18 a** She is Lady Frances's old nurse. She asks Holmes to help find Lady Frances.
- b She is Lady Frances's maid. She leaves Lady Frances in Baden-Baden and returns to Montpellier, where Dr Watson visits her.
- c Lady Frances meets him in Baden-Baden. He takes her to London, where he keeps her prisoner.
- d Holmes dresses as one in Montpellier.
- e He loves Lady Frances and wants to marry her. Holmes and Watson at first think that he is involved in her disappearance, but he helps them by finding Peters in London.
- f It is Schlessinger's real name. He has a history of robbing old ladies by pretending to be a religious man.
- g He receives Spanish jewels from a man who matched Peters' description. Philip Green hides in the shop and follows the woman home.
- h He is the undertaker who makes a special coffin.
- i She is the old lady from the Brixton hospital.
- 19–20** Open answers
- 21 a** Nathan
- b rich
- c strange
- d angry
- e Birmingham
- f murderer
- g forger
- h printing press (and bank notes)
- i mad
- 22 a** Dr Lysander Starr does not exist but John Garrideb says that he knows him.
- b The American spelling of 'plough' in the advertisement shows that the advertisement was written by an American.
- c From Holloway and Steele, Holmes learns that the rooms were rented, before Nathan Garrideb moved in, by a man called Waldron, who was really Prescott, a famous forger. He was murdered by the man who calls himself John Garrideb.
- d In the police records, Holmes finds a photograph of John Garrideb under different names, including 'Killer' Evans.
- 23 a** He wants to get Nathan Garrideb out of his flat so that he can find the hidden printing press and forged bank notes.
- b He is very disappointed because the story about the Garridebs is not true.
- c Open answers
- 24** Open answers
- 25 a** men > women
- b Kensington > Esher
- c talkative > quiet/serious/impatient
- d a Spanish > an English
- e in a dream > at a window
- f animal > bird
- g gardener > cook
- h kill > help
- i businessman > ruler
- j rob > kill
- 26 a** He tells Holmes about his night at Garcia's house.
- b He used to be Henderson's gardener. He gives Holmes information about Henderson's house. He rescues Miss Burnet from Henderson's carriage.
- c It is Henderson's real name. He was a hated ruler in a South American country. He escaped with valuables.
- d He was Miss Burnet's husband and was killed by Murillo. Because of this, his wife wanted revenge, and was helping Garcia to kill Henderson.
- e It is Lucas's real name. He is Murillo's secretary. He discovered Miss Burnet's note to Garcia, and addressed the envelope to Garcia.
- f It is the name used by Murillo in Madrid, where he is finally killed.
- 27 a** He needed someone at the house as a witness. If he had killed Henderson, Eccles would have told the police that Garcia was in the house at the time of the murder.
- b To make Henderson feel confident that he was not suspected.
- c It was part of a voodoo ceremony.
- 28–37** Open answers

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Discussion activities key

1–29 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a Dr Watson to Mr Whitney when he finds him at the Bar of Gold.
b Dr Watson to Holmes when he finds him in the Bar of Gold.
c Holmes explaining to Watson what Mr Saint Clair did every day.
d Holmes explaining what Mrs Saint Clair saw when she was passing the Bar of Gold.
e Holmes describing Hugh Boone to Watson.
f Holmes talking to Mrs Saint Clair about the letter she has received.
g Mr Saint Clair talking to Bradstreet in prison when Holmes has proved who he is.
h Mr Saint Clair explaining how he became a beggar. The man who knew his secret was the man who ran the Bar of Gold.
- 2 a 4 b 1 c 7 d 6 e 2 f 5 g 3
- 3 a 4 b 2 c 5 d 6 e 7 f 3 g 1
- 4 a It was cut off with an axe by Captain Stark.
b Because someone has tried to murder him.
c Because he had little money and Stark's job offered good pay.
d Stark made him promise to keep a secret and said the work had to be done at night.
e He said it was used for making bricks of Fuller's earth.
- 5 a T
b F half > three-quarters
c F alone > with his son
d T
- 6 a 3 b 7 c 4 d 6 e 1 f 5 g 2
- 7 a 2 b 1 c 7 d 4 e 5 f 3 g 6

- 8 a 2 b 4 c 1 d 3 e 6 f 5
- 9 a Because he no longer has a strong American accent and has been wearing English clothes for at least a year.
b Because he never leaves the place and the American lawyer wants to get into it in his absence.
c The word 'plow' is spelt in the American way.
d Because he thinks that Evans will try to get in.
- 10 a 3 b 6 c 1 d 4 e 5 f 2
- 11 a Because no crime has been committed.
b Because Garcia has been killed and Gregson found the address of Eccles on the body.
c He was nervous. He bit his nails and drummed on the table.
d The host and the servants were not there.
e He wanted an honest man to be a witness to say he was there at the time when he intended to kill Henderson (Murillo).
- 12 ✓: b, c, d, f

Progress test key

- 1 a opium b policemen c blood d coat
e beggar f prison g letter h ring i alive
- 2 a F comes from a good family > has no family in London
b T
c F gold > Fuller's earth
d F watches carefully > cannot see where
e T
f T
g F woman > Hatherley's lamp
- 3 a 4 b 7 c 6 d 2 e 5 f 1 g 3
- 4 a jewellery b cheque c cares about d religion
e pawnbroker's shop f large coffin g old
- 5 a NO b NO c NO d YES e NO f YES
- 6 a 4 b 3 c 2 d 7 e 1 f 5 g 6