



# Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

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## Sherlock Holmes and the Strange Mr Angel, pages 1–12

### While reading

#### 1 Who ...

- a wears dark glasses? .....
- b is married to Mary's mother? .....
- c dies in New Zealand? .....
- d takes Mary's one hundred pounds every year? .....
- e goes to France to buy wine? .....
- f went to the dance with Mary? .....
- g wrote a letter to Mary every day? .....

#### 2 Put these words in the right sentences.

- before older kind quietly
- a Mary's mother is ..... than Mr Windibank.
  - b Hosmer Angel had a beard and spoke .....
  - c Hosmer Angel was ..... to Mary. She wanted to marry him.
  - d Mary's cab arrived at the church ..... Mr Angel's.

#### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a When Mary went to the dance, Mr Windibank was in France.
- b Mary's mother was not interested in Mary's money.
- c Something bad happens to Mr Hosmer Angel.
- d Hosmer Angel lives in Leadenhall Street.

#### 4 Who says these words? Who or what are they talking about?

- a 'I want you to find somebody for me.'  
.....
- b 'You can't stop women when they really want to do something.'  
.....
- c 'There was nobody in the cab.'  
.....
- d 'Now I understand. He was afraid of something.'  
.....

#### 5 Look at the Word List at the back of the book. Put words from the Work List in these sentences.

- a I didn't recognize his face because he had a ..... and dark glasses.

- b They were very tired, so they took a ..... to the station.
- c She wore glasses all day and had a red ..... across her nose.
- d Nobody knows about this – it is a .....
- e She never wrote by hand, she always ..... her letters.

## Sherlock Holmes and the Important Exam Paper, pages 13–26

### While reading

#### 6 Who are they? Find the right names below.

- Bannister Gilchrist Miles McLaren  
Daulat Ras Hilton Soames
- a He is a university teacher. ....
  - b He is from India and he is a good student. ....
  - c He is a very clever student but he doesn't like working. ....
  - d He is a servant. ....
  - e He is a student and he is good at games. ....

#### 7 Finish these sentences. Use the words below.

- clever good fifty tall rich
- a Gilchrist's father was not very ....., but he was very .....
  - b Bannister is aged about .....
  - c Sherlock Holmes and Gilchrist are .....
  - d Soames thinks that Bannister is a ..... man.

#### 8 Who is the tallest? Who is the shortest? Put the right names in the sentences.

- a ..... is shorter than Miles McLaren.
- b Miles McLaren is shorter than .....
- c ..... is the tallest student.

#### 9 Why are these things important to the story?

- a The pieces of clay in Soames's room. ....
- b The cut on Soames's new desk. ....
- c Gilchrist likes running. ....
- d Bannister worked for Gilchrist's father. ....



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## 10 What happens first? What happens next?

Write the numbers, 1–10.

- a Soames came home through the back door.
- b Soames went to tea at friend's house and locked the door.
- c Gilchrist went into Soames's room and looked at the exam paper.
- d Soames left his room to look for Sherlock Holmes.
- e Gilchrist hid in Soames's cupboard.
- f Soames found a broken pencil and some black clay in his room.
- g Bannister helped Gilchrist out of Soames's room and locked the door.
- h Soames told Bannister about the exam paper. When he heard the bad news, Bannister felt ill.
- i Bannister sat on Gilchrist's notebook.
- j Gilchrist looked through Soames's window and saw the exam paper.

### While reading

#### *Sherlock Holmes and the Dangerous Road,* pages 27–39

### 11 Answer these questions.

- a Who gives work to Violet Smith?  
.....
- b At the beginning of the story, why do Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley want to marry Violet Smith?  
.....
- c How do Mr Carruthers's feelings change?  
.....
- d Who is the man on the bicycle?  
.....
- e Why is Mr Williamson important?  
.....

### 12 Finish these sentences.

- a Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley came from .....
- b At the beginning of the story, Violet Smith thinks her uncle Ralph is .....
- c Violet Smith goes home every .....
- d Watson learns Mr Williamson's name from a London .....

e Sherlock Holmes found a hotel and talked to some people in the .....

f Sherlock Holmes and Mr Woodley had a short fight, and Sherlock Holmes .....

### 13 Who says these words? Who or what are they talking about?

- a 'Before he died, he asked for their help.'  
.....
- b 'I'll pay you one hundred pounds a year.'  
.....
- c 'I'm very busy but I will think about your problem.'  
.....
- d 'He's an old man, so he can't be the man on the bicycle.'  
.....
- e 'And now you are husband and wife.'  
.....
- f 'You can take off your beard, Bob.'  
.....

### 14 Why are these places important to the story?

- a Farnham  
.....
- b South Africa  
.....
- c Charlington House  
.....
- d Chiltern House  
.....

### After reading

#### 15 Work with another student.

Talk about your opinions of each of the three stories by asking and answering these questions

- a Did you like the story? Why/why not?
- b Which characters did you like the most? Why?
- c Which characters did you dislike the most? Why?

#### 16 Work with another student. Talk about another detective story you have read.

- a When and where was the story set?
- b What was the crime?
- c Who were the important characters?
- d How did the detective find out who the guilty person was?



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**1 Nine things are wrong. Find them and make them right.**

In the story *Sherlock Holmes and the Strange Mr Angel*, a young woman called Mary Sutherland comes to ask the detective to look for her fiancé, Mr Hosmer Angel. She can pay him because she has one thousand pounds a year. The money comes from her uncle Ned in France. She met Mr Angel at the theatre. He wears dark glasses and is a very loud man. He sent her a letter every week and told her he wanted to marry her. Mary was very happy, but she wanted to keep the letters a secret. She went to the church with her step-father, but Mr Angel disappeared. She thinks something bad has happened to him. Sherlock Holmes realises that Mr Windibank, Mary's step-father, and Mr Angel are the same person. He tells Mary and Mr Windibank is arrested.

**2 Put these in the right order. Write the numbers 1–10.**

- a Violet Smith goes to see Sherlock Holmes.
- b Dr Watson goes to Farnham alone.
- c Violet Smith's father dies.
- d Mr Carruthers and Mr Woodley come to England.
- e Mr Carruthers gives Violet Smith a job.
- f The man on the bicycle shoots Mr Woodley.
- g Holmes and Watson go to Farnham together.
- h Violet Smith and her mother see an advertisement in *The Times*.
- i Sherlock Holmes and Mr Woodley have a fight.
- j Mr Carruthers asks Violet Smith to marry him.

**3 Look at the following sentences. Put the verbs in italics into the past tense.**

- a Violet Smith *comes* to Sherlock Holmes's flat.
- b She *begins* to tell her story.
- c Her uncle *lives* in South Africa.
- d Somebody *wants* us to go to London.
- e My uncle never *writes* to us.
- f Mr Woodley *tries* to kiss Violet.
- g Mr Woodley *hits* Mr Carruthers
- h Violet *tells* Mr Carruthers about the man on the bicycle.
- i Violet *goes* to the station every Saturday.
- j The old man *stands* next to her.

**4 Fill in the gaps with the right word.**

*so, before, after, when*

- a Watson goes to Farnham ..... Sherlock Holmes.
- b Bannister feels ill ..... he hears the bad news about the exam paper.
- c Mary was worried about her fiancé, ..... she went to ask Sherlock Holmes for help.
- d ..... her father died, Violet Smith didn't have much money.

**5 Look at the words in *italics*. Underline the right choice.**

- a Holmes and Watson visited a *country house* / *university city*.
- b Hilton Soames teaches *Latin* / *Greek*.
- c Bannister is *forty* / *fifty* years old.
- d The Indian student's name is *Miles* / *Daulat Ras*.
- e Mr Bannister helped Gilchrist because he worked for his *father* / *uncle*.
- f Gilchrist is the *tallest* / *shortest* student.

**6 Look at the picture on page 37. Who are the people? How do they feel? Choose the right words for each sentence.**

- a The man with the gun is *Sherlock Holmes* / *Mr Carruthers*.
- b The man dressed as a vicar is *Mr Williamson* / *Mr Woodley*.
- c The man who is laughing is *Dr Watson* / *Mr Woodley*.
- d The man standing behind Miss Sutherland is *Mr Carruthers* / *Mr Williamson*.
- e *Mr Woodley* / *Miss Sutherland* feels happy.
- f *Miss Sutherland* / *Mr Carruthers* feels afraid.
- g *Mr Williamson* / *Mr Carruthers* is very angry.

**7 Talk about the characters. Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)? (Look at the pictures in the book to help you)**

- a Dr Watson is older than Sherlock Holmes.
- b Sherlock Holmes is cleverer than Dr Watson.
- c Sherlock Holmes is quieter than Mr Woodley.
- d Mr Woodley is kinder than Dr Watson.
- e Mr Woodley is stronger than Sherlock Holmes.
- f Miss Sutherland is not young.
- g Mr Carruthers is kinder than Mr Woodley.
- h Mr Woodley loves Miss Sutherland.
- i Miss Sutherland loves Mr Carruthers.
- j Mr Williamson is very kind.



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### Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a estate agency b key c servant d trap  
e spikes
- 3 a ✗ b ✓ c ✓ d ✓ e ✗ f ✓ g ✓ h ✗
- 4 a married, money b hundred c feelings d wait
- 5 a Holmes is talking to Miss Sutherland. He knows about her work, and she doesn't understand that.  
b Miss Sutherland is talking about Mr Windibanks. He is her mother's husband, but not her father.  
c Miss Sutherland is talking about Mr Hosmer Angel. He got into the cab, but he didn't get out.  
d Mr Hosmer Angel is talking to Miss Sutherland before he goes away.  
e Mr Windibanks is talking to Holmes about Miss Sutherland after Holmes knows about him.
- 6–9 Open answers
- 10 a read some books  
b Sherlock Holmes  
c read  
d Daulat Ras  
e in a cupboard  
f Three  
g good at games  
h works  
i doesn't work  
j tall  
k Gilchrist's
- 11 a The student left this in Soames's room.  
b There was clay on the desk and in the cupboard – and on Gilchrist's running ground.  
c When Gilchrist put his running shoes on the desk, a spike cut the desk.  
d Bannister left his key in the door, so Gilchrist could get into the room.  
e Only a tall person could see the exam paper through the window.
- 12 a Gilchrist is going to work for the South African police.  
b Bannister is going to stay with Soames.
- 13–15 Open answers

- 16 a Mr Williamson  
b Cyril  
c at Chiltern House  
d near Farnham  
e on a bicycle  
f in London  
g Holmes  
h Mr Woodley  
i Mr Carruthers

17–26 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:  
He was the hero of a series of detective stories set in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.  
There are many possible differences between 1900 and now. Students will probably come up with technological differences e.g. horse-drawn vehicles vs. motor vehicles, typewriters vs. computers, television, etc.
- 2 Possible questions and answers:  
How many people are in the picture? Three: two women and a man.  
Where are the people? Outside a church.  
How do they feel? Very surprised.  
Is there a vehicle in the picture? Yes, a horse-drawn cab.  
What is the man wearing? A top hat.
- 3 Dialogue. Get the students to learn it by heart.  
Holmes: *Ah, Watson! Somebody is coming here. Look, there, across the street.*  
Watson: *Is she coming? Look, she isn't moving.*  
Holmes: *It's difficult for her. She wants help, but – ah, she's coming now. She has a problem.*  
Watson: *A problem?*  
Holmes: *It's a man. She doesn't understand him, so she wants my help.*
- 4 Possible answers:  
Did he get into the cab?  
Yes, he did.  
Was he afraid of something?  
I don't know.  
Where can he be?  
Perhaps he changed his mind!
- 5 Open answers
- 6 Open answers, but you could pre-teach vocabulary items such as *naïve, trusting, enthusiastic, greedy, secretive, etc.*



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- 7 Possible answer:  
Miss Sutherland asked me to find her fiancé, Mr Hosmer Angel. She met him at a dance and after that he wrote her a letter every day. He wanted to keep things secret. He disappeared on the day of the wedding and Miss Sutherland thought something bad had happened. I soon realised that Mr Angel was really Miss Sutherland's stepfather, Mr Windibank, in disguise. He wanted Miss Sutherland to stay unmarried because she gave him and her mother one hundred pounds a year. I didn't tell Miss Sutherland because she is still in love with Angel. I hope that one day Mr Windibank will be arrested.
- 8 This website has a useful calculator:  
<http://measuringworth.com/calculators/ukcompare/>
- 9–10 Open answers
- 11 Possible answer:  
Bannister – fifty years old, Mr Soames's servant. He has a key to Soames's room. Perhaps he is involved?  
Gilchrist – a very tall young man, enjoys running – he could see through Soames's window. Perhaps the mud is from his running shoes?  
McLaren – tall, but not as tall as Gilchrist.  
Ras – hard-working student. Not very tall.
- 12–13 Open answers
- 14 Possible answer:  
'You can come out now, Mr Gilchrist. Mr Soames has gone.'  
'Please don't tell anybody about this, Bannister.'  
'Don't worry, sir. I won't say one word.'  
'Thank you, Bannister.'
- 15 Possible answer:  
Dear Mr Soames,  
Please forgive me for trying to copy the exam paper. It was wrong, and I know that I can't take the exam now. I have a job with the South African police and I am leaving today.  
Yours sincerely,  
Gilchrist
- 16 Open answers
- 17 Many possibilities, e.g. Dr Watson and Sherlock Holmes are friends, Cyril and Violet are engaged to be married, Carruthers employs Violet, etc.
- 18 Possible reasons for: £100 is a lot of money, she can live in the country. Possible reasons against: perhaps she will be lonely, she doesn't know Mr Carruthers very well.

- 19 Open answers
- 20 Possible answer:  
At the beginning Mr Carruthers was interested in Miss Smith's money and he wanted her to marry Woodley. But in the end he tried to help her because he fell in love with her.
- 21–24 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a Hosmer Angel  
b Mr Windibank  
c Mary Sutherland's Uncle Ned  
d her mother and stepfather  
e Mr Windibank  
f her mother  
g Hosmer Angel
- 2 a older b quietly c kind d before
- 3 a X (he was at the dance disguised as Mr Angel)  
b X (she helped Mr Windibank)  
c X  
d ✓
- 4 a Mary Sutherland is talking about Hosmer Angel.  
b Mr Windibank is talking about the dance.  
c Mary Sutherland is talking about her wedding day.  
d Mary Sutherland is talking about Mr Angel's last letter to her.
- 5 a beard b cab c line d secret e typed
- 6 a Hilton Soames b Daulat Ras c Miles McLaren  
d Bannister e Gilchrist
- 7 a clever, rich b fifty c tall d good
- 8 a Daulat Ras b Gilchrist c Gilchrist
- 9 a They came from Gilchrist's running shoes.  
b The spikes on Gilchrist's running shoes made the cut.  
c It explains why he was outside the window and why he had mud on his shoes.  
d That is why he helped Gilchrist.
- 10 a 4 b 1 c 3 d 9 e 5 f 6 g 10  
h 8 i 7 j 2
- 11 a Mr Carruthers.  
b For her money.  
c He falls in love with Violet.  
d Mr Carruthers.  
e He was a vicar so he can marry Woodley and Violet.  
f Mr Woodley.
- 12 a South Africa b dead c Saturday  
d estate agency e bar f won g job h better



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- 13 a Violet Smith – her uncle Ralph asked Carruthers and Woodley to help.  
 b Mr Carruthers – asks Violet to work for him.  
 c Sherlock Holmes tells Violet he will try to help.  
 d Sherlock Holmes is talking about Mr Williamson.  
 e Mr Williamson is ‘marrying’ Woodley and Violet.  
 f Mr Woodley is talking to the man on the bicycle – Mr Carruthers.  
 g Violet’s uncle is talking to Carruthers and Woodley in South Africa.
- 14 a It’s where the station is. Violet has to cycle there on Saturdays.  
 b It’s where her uncle Ralph lived.  
 c It’s where Williamson lives. Woodley often visits.  
 d It’s where Carruthers lives.

15–16 Open answers

### Progress test key

- 1 In the story *Sherlock Holmes and the Strange Mr Angel*, a young woman called Mary Sutherland comes to ask the detective to look for her fiancé, Mr Hosmer Angel. She can pay him because she has one **hundred** pounds a year. The money comes from her uncle Ned in **New Zealand**. She met Mr Angel at **a dance**. He wears dark glasses and is a very **quiet** man. He sent her a letter every **day** and told her he wanted to marry her. Mary was very happy, but **Mr Angel** wanted to keep the letters a secret. She went to the church with her **mother**, but Mr Angel disappeared. She thinks something bad has happened to him. Sherlock Holmes realises that Mr Windibank, Mary’s step-father, and Mr Angel are the same person. He **does not tell** Mary and Mr Windibank **is not arrested**.

- 2 a 5 b 6 c 1 d 2 e 4 f 10 g 9  
 h 3 i 7 j 8
- 3 a came b began c lived d wanted e wrote  
 f tried g hit h told i went j stood
- 4 a before b when c so d after
- 5 a university city b Greek c fifty  
 d Daulat-Ras e father f tallest
- 6 a Mr Carruthers  
 b Mr Williamson  
 c Mr Woodley  
 d Mr Williamson  
 e Mr Woodley  
 f Miss Sutherland  
 g Mr Carruthers
- 7 a ✓ (judging from the pictures)  
 b ✓ c ✓ d ✗ e ✗ f ✗ g ✓ h ✗  
 i ✗ j ✗