Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

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.
   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 (✗)?
   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.

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 …………….

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
………………………………………………

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 (✗)? (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. ✓