

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 a true  
b true  
c false

## During-reading questions

### THE ADVENTURE OF THE DIAMOND

- 1 Peterson found them in the street after a fight.
- 2 She finds it in the goose's stomach.
- 3 The reward is one thousand pounds.
- 4 He got it from a pub – the Alpha.
- 5 He got it from Mr Breckinridge in Covent Garden Market.
- 6 He got it from Mrs Oakshott.
- 7 James Ryder stole the diamond.
- 8 Ryder gave the diamond to the goose because he needed a safe place for it.

### THE ADVENTURE OF THE THREE STUDENTS

- 1 Soames does not trust the police because they will talk to the newspapers.
- 2 He found some small pieces of wood from a pencil, a long cut on his desk, and a small ball of clay.
- 3 Three students live in Soames' building.
- 4 Someone hid in a cupboard in Soames' bedroom. Holmes knows this because he finds clay on the floor.
- 5 He is frightened because he is in a foreign country and two strange men come into his room.
- 6 He goes to the long jump at the sports field in the university park.
- 7 He is going to go to South Africa.

### THE ADVENTURE OF SILVER BLAZE

- 1 John Straker is dead. He was a horse trainer.
- 2 A stable boy, Ned, stayed in the stables at dinner time.
- 3 The man tried to give Edith a piece of paper with something inside it, and ten pounds.
- 4 They arrested Fitzroy Simpson. He was at King's Pyland on Monday night, he lost his scarf, and he has a heavy walking stick, so they think he killed Straker.
- 5 In Straker's pockets there was a watch, some money, and some pens and pencils. There was a box of matches. There were some papers and a strange knife.
- 6 He used paint to change Silver Blaze's colour.

### A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA

- 1 *Example answer:* He is married now, so he eats better.
- 2 The visitor wears a mask because he does not want people to see his face.
- 3 He wants a photograph of him with Irene Adler. He does not want the King of Scandinavia to see it.
- 4 He follows Irene Adler to Saint Monica's Church.
- 5 Holmes wants Watson to throw the cylinder into Irene Adler's house.
- 6 She hides the photograph in a cupboard in the sitting room.
- 7 She goes to France.
- 8 He has a letter from Irene, the photograph of Irene and a pound that she gave him.

## After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 Gilchrist is tall, so he can see in the window of Soames' room. He does the long jump and he left clay from the park in the room. He has sharp jumping shoes and they cut Soames' desk.
- 3 Nobody was with the horse because Straker was dead. Silver Blaze killed him.
- 4 **Example answer:** He wants people to trust him, and people usually trust vicars.
- 5 Her name is Irene Norton. Holmes does not want to use it because he is unhappy that she has married another man.

## Exercises

### THE ADVENTURE OF THE DIAMOND

- 1
 

1 detective	2 clue
3 goose	4 walking stick
5 arrest	6 hide
7 reward	8 innocent
- 2
  - 1 Holmes **was sitting** on the sofa, and he **was looking** closely at an old hat.
  - 2 At four o'clock on Christmas morning, Peterson **was walking** home from work.
  - 3 The tall man **was carrying** a dead goose.
  - 4 Someone **needed** to eat the goose quickly because it **was beginning** to smell.

### THE ADVENTURE OF THE THREE STUDENTS

- 3
 

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

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

### THE ADVENTURE OF SILVER BLAZE

- 5
  - 1 Watson to Holmes
  - 2 Detective Gregory to Holmes and Watson
  - 3 Holmes to Detective Gregory
  - 4 Holmes to Watson
  - 5 Detective Gregory to Holmes
  - 6 Holmes to Silas Brown
  - 7 Colonel Ross to Holmes (and to Watson and Detective Gregory)
  - 8 Holmes to Colonel Ross (and to Watson and Detective Gregory)
- 6
  - 1 Horses live in **stables**.
  - 2 A **trainer** works with horses.
  - 3 Mr Straker and his wife have one **servant**.
  - 4 Fitzroy Simpson wore a red and black **scarf**.
  - 5 There is a lot of **blood** on the knife.
  - 6 No **witnesses** saw Simpson kill Straker.
  - 7 Holmes and Watson drive to King's Pyland in a **carriage**.
  - 8 The dog did not **bark**.

### A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA

- 7
  - 1 **Who** got a letter with no date, address or name?  
**Sherlock Holmes got a letter with no date, address or name.**
  - 2 **Where** did the letter paper come from?  
**The letter paper came from Bohemia.**
  - 3 **Why** has the King come from Prague?  
**He wants to see Holmes, to ask for his help.**
  - 4 **How** much money does the King give Holmes?  
**He gives him three hundred pounds.**
  - 5 **Who** visits Irene Adler every day?  
**Godfrey Norton visits Irene Adler every day.**
  - 6 **Where** does Irene go in a cab?  
**She goes to Saint Monica's Church.**

- 7 **Where** do some men carry Holmes?  
**They carry him into Irene Adler's house.**
- Why** do some men carry Holmes?  
**They carry him because he is hurt.**
- 8 **What** does Watson throw through the window?  
**He throws a cylinder through the window.**

- 8 1 Holmes always **closes** his eyes if he **wants** to listen.
- 2 “If the King of Scandinavia **sees** the photograph, I **will not be able to** marry his daughter.”
- 3 “You **can have** more money if you **need** it.”
- 4 “If she **isn't singing**, she **goes** out for a drive in the park.”
- 5 “I'll **give** you a pound if you **can get** there in twenty minutes.”
- 6 “If they **hear** you, the people in the street **will shout**, too.”

## Project work

*Reader's own answers..*