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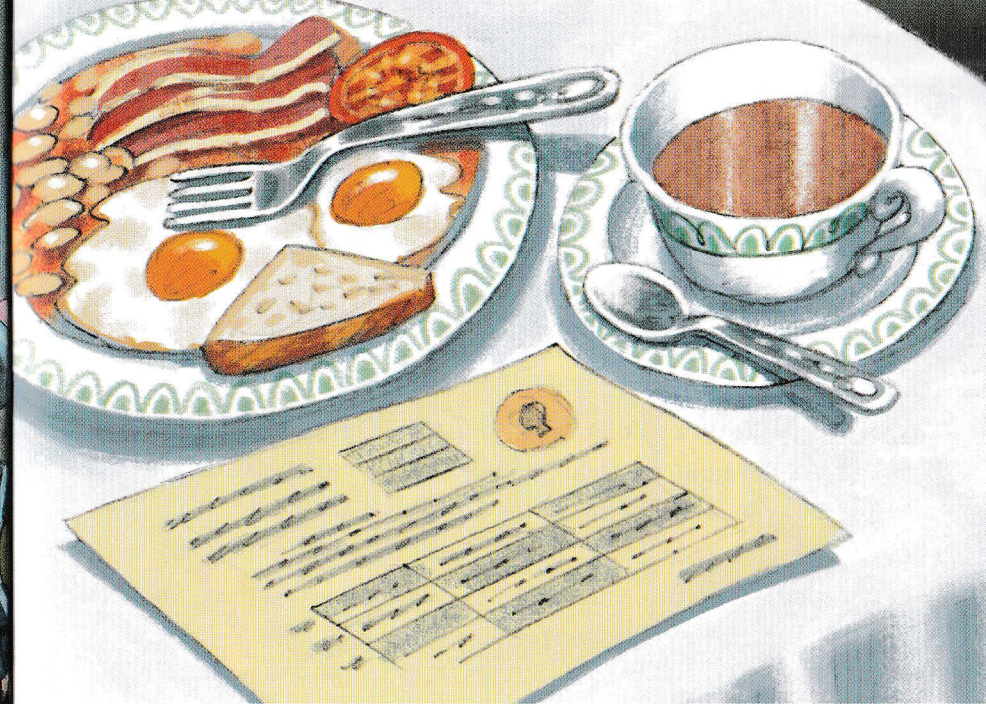
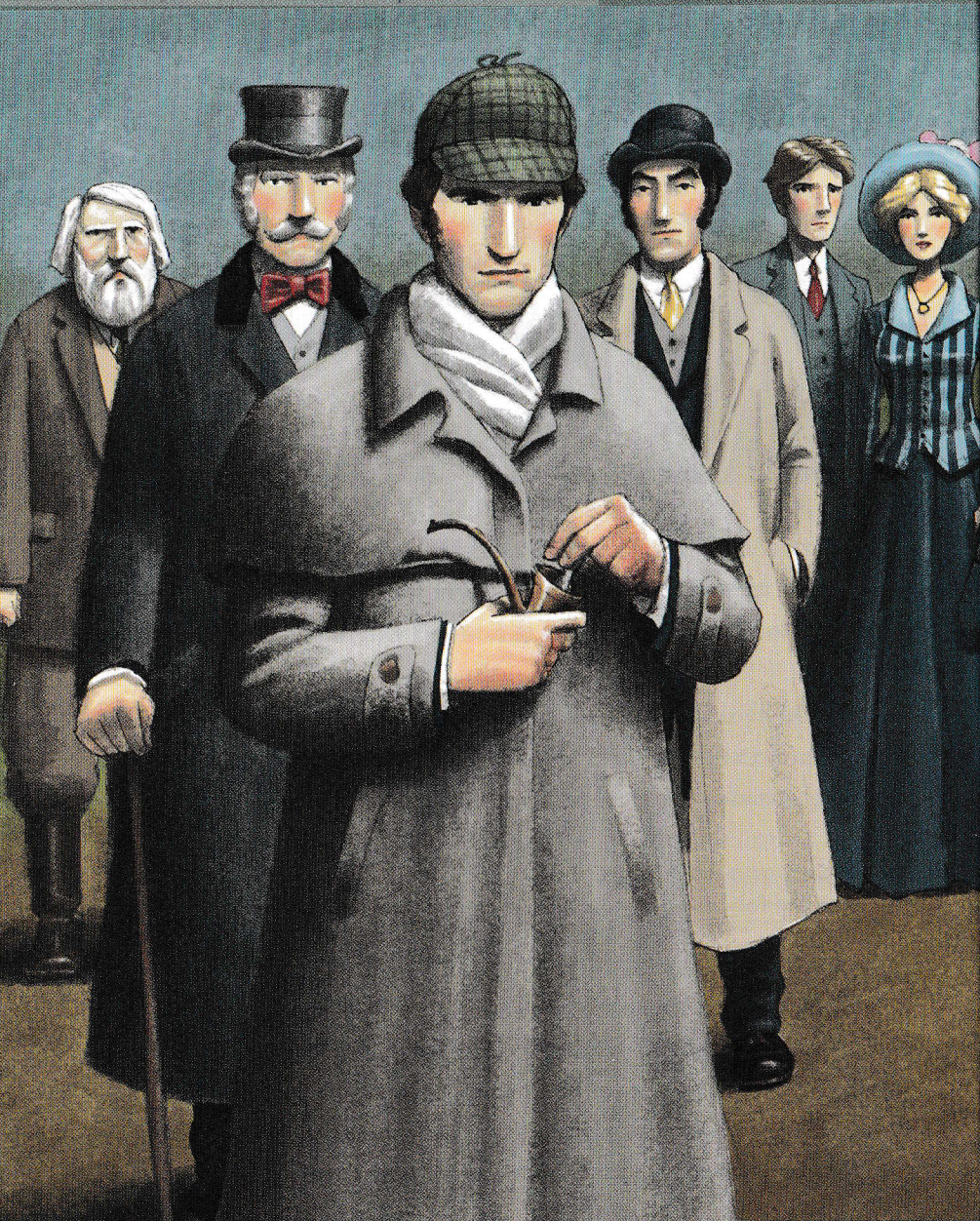


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## CHAPTER ONE

### A new case



One morning I was having breakfast with my wife when a telegram arrived. It was from Sherlock Holmes and it said:



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*Are you free for a day or two? Must go to the west of England to help with the Boscombe Pool<sup>1</sup> murder. Will be glad if you can come with me. The air of the countryside will be good for us. Leaving Paddington Station on the 11.15 train.*

My wife looked at me and asked, 'Will you go, dear?'

'I really don't know,' I answered. 'I have a lot of sick people to visit.'

'Oh, your assistant, Anstruther, can do the work for you,' said

From left to right: John Turner, Dr John Watson, Sherlock Holmes, Detective Lestrade, James McCarthy, Alice Turner

1. pool : (here) a small lake in the woods.

**1 PRELIMINARY Comprehension check**

For each question, choose the correct answer – A, B, C or D.

- 1 What was Watson doing when the telegram arrived?
  - A  He was visiting his patients.
  - B  He was having breakfast with his wife.
  - C  He was writing a letter to his wife.
  - D  He was talking to his assistant, Anstruther.
- 2 Where was Watson going to meet his friend, Sherlock Holmes?
  - A  near Ross
  - B  in the west of England
  - C  at Boscombe Pool
  - D  at Paddington Station
- 3 Who owned most of the land in Boscombe Valley?
  - A  William Crowder
  - B  Charles McCarthy
  - C  James McCarthy
  - D  John Turner
- 4 How far was it from Hatherley Farm to Boscombe Pool?
  - A  a quarter of a mile
  - B  half a mile
  - C  about a mile
  - D  two miles
- 5 Who went to the Morans' house and asked for help?
  - A  Patience Moran
  - B  William Crowder
  - C  James McCarthy
  - D  John Turner

**2 Odd one out**

A Circle the word that doesn't belong and explain why.

- 1 town – village – farm – city
- 2 minutes – time – hours – seconds
- 3 watch – coat – trousers – shirt
- 4 head – hat – arm – leg
- 5 soldier – teacher – detective – neighbour
- 6 Australia – England – American – France

B Circle the odd words in the word square.

S	C	O	W	A	T	C	H	T	H	F	R	I	T
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S	A	A	F	I	E	L	D	R	R	P	U	H	S

C Fill in the gaps with the odd words.

- 1 Sherlock Holmes always wore a ..... during the winter.
- 2 There were two ..... tourists on the train.
- 3 Charles McCarthy lived on a .....
- 4 Dr Watson had no ..... to waste.
- 5 Charles McCarthy was John Turner's .....
- 6 Dr Watson always looked at his ..... because he was late.

**When she got home she told her mother everything.**

**Time clauses** show when something happens. They are introduced by **conjunctions**. Look at these examples, where the time clauses are in italics and the conjunctions are underlined.

- The children went to the park *before it started raining*.
- She wrote about her trip *while she was travelling*.
- The robbers ran away *as soon as they saw the police*.