

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

- 1** 1 Doctor Watson. 2 221B Baker Street, London. 3 He needed Holmes' help.
- 2** 1 On Dartmoor. 2 The owner of Baskerville Hall – the only big house on Dartmoor. 3 He had died three months before. 4 *Student's own answer. Student should mention that in 1645, Sir Hugo Baskerville kidnapped the beautiful daughter of a farmer. The girl escaped across the moor at night. Sir Hugo and his friends pursued her with hunting dogs. A strange black animal with huge fiery eyes attacked Sir Hugo and killed him. Since that time many Baskervilles have died young. This is the Curse of the Baskervilles. Some people believe that the Hound of the Baskervilles still walks on the moor at night.* 5 No. 6 Near the house, on the edge of the moor. 7 Some of the footprints were Sir Charles Baskerville's. The others were the footprints of a gigantic hound.
- 3** 1 They were washed away by the rain. 2 He saw white cigar ash on the ground. 3 (a) He is Sir Charles' nephew – the new owner of Baskerville Hall. (b) At Waterloo Station. (c) In Canada. 4 In London. 5 What is the crime? Who did it? How was it done?
- 4** 1 Sir Henry was about 30 years old. He was not tall, but he was broad and strong and looked like a boxer. 2 It said that Sir Henry's life was in danger. It told him to keep away from the moor. The letter was made from words cut from The Times newspaper and stuck onto a piece of paper. 3 One of his boots was stolen. 4 (a) Sir Henry and Dr Mortimer. (b) Someone else was following them. 5 The man with the black beard who was following Sir Henry and Dr Mortimer.
- 5** 1 Another of his boots had disappeared. 2 There were millions of people in London. But there were not many people on Dartmoor. Everyone would notice a stranger. 3 Dr Watson. 4 Sir Henry does not know. 5 One million pounds.
- 6** 1 (a) Walk on the moor alone. (b) His army revolver. 2 A dangerous prisoner had escaped from Dartmoor prison. 3 He thought that there were two murderers on the moor and it was a very dangerous place. 4 He had a lot of work to do. And his wife was waiting for him at home. 5 (a) A servant at Baskerville Hall. (b) He had a thick black beard and a pale face. (c) He thought that perhaps Barrymore had followed Sir Henry in London. But he was not sure. 6 The sound of a woman crying.
- 7** 1 His sister. 2 They never got out again. They died. 3 (a) A large dog. (b) The wind blowing through the rocks. 4 She was slim and tall, with beautiful eyes and dark hair. Watson did not think she looked like her brother. 5 (a) That people on the moor said it was the sound of the Hound of the Baskervilles. (b) To go back to London that day.
- 8** 1 He smoked a cigar. 2 (a) At Lafter Hall. (b) A large telescope. (c) He is watching for strangers and because the police have not caught Selden, the murderer who escaped. 3 Miss Stapleton. 4 Sir Henry asked him if he had been to London recently. Barrymore replied that he had never been to London. 5 Some clothes. 6 Barrymore with a candle, standing by a window, moving the candle backwards and forwards.
- 9** 1 That Sir Henry is in love with Miss Stapleton. 2 He followed him. 3 That Stapleton was mad. 4 Selden. Selden was Mrs Barrymore's brother. Barrymore took him food and clothes. He was sending a signal to tell Selden he was coming. 5 To try to catch Selden. 6 A deep howling sound. 7 The body of a man. They were sure it was Selden. 8 A tall, thin man.
- 10** 1 He was a tall, thin man. The man did not have a beard. 2 (a) He was not sure that it was Selden. (b) That perhaps there were two men on the moor. 3 Food and letters. 4 To an old farmhouse called High Tor Farm. 5 Sherlock Holmes.
- 11** 1 He came to Dartmoor on the same day as Watson. 2 Holmes. 3 He was afraid of what was out on the moor.
- 12** 1 (a) The next night. (b) Holmes and Watson. (c) The Stapletons. 2 (a) He put it on the fire. (b) Holmes said, 'Perhaps this letter asked him to meet someone.' 3 'I think he knew his murderer.' 'And I think his murderer is not far away.' 4 The man in the painting looked like the man who followed Sir Henry in London.
- 13** 1 Inspector Lestrade from Scotland Yard. 2 (a) Lestrade, Holmes and Watson. (b) A revolver. (c) To Merripit House. (d) Below High Tor, about 200 yards from the house. 3 Thick white mist was rising from the Great Grimpen Mire. Holmes said, 'Our plan may fail if we cannot see clearly.' 4 The sound of a metal chain. 5 A huge black shape. It was a horrible huge monster. Its eyes and jaws were burning bright with fire. 6 It was a very large black dog. A special paint had been put on its face to make it burn with fire. 7 Stapleton's wife. 8 He fell into Great Grimpen Mire.
- 14** 1 He was the son of Sir Charles Baskerville's youngest brother, Roger. 2 It was a way of getting the Baskerville money. 3 She did not want to help Stapleton. 4 Stapleton had frightened him to death with the black dog. 5 Stapleton. 6 Stapleton wanted the dog to kill Sir Henry. It was a hunting dog. It followed smells. Stapleton wanted something to give to the dog with Sir Henry's smell on it. So he paid a waiter to steal one of Sir Henry's boots. The first boot was a new one. It had no smell. So the waiter stole one of Sir Henry's old boots. 7 Selden was wearing Sir Henry's old clothes. They had Sir Henry's smell on them.