

The Hound of the Baskervilles

The story step by step

1 Can you put the verbs in the correct tense? Listen to Chapters 1 and 2 to check.

- a My name is Dr. Watson. I _____ (write) this story about my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, the famous detective.
- b My story begins in Baker Street, one morning in 1889, when a man _____ (knock) on the door.
- c 'My story is very strange. Perhaps you _____ (not believe) me.'
- d 'The owner of the house _____ (be) Sir Charles Baskerville. I _____ (be) his friend as well as his doctor.' 'I _____ (read) of his death in *The Times* newspaper' said Holmes.
- e Sir Hugo _____ (want) to marry the girl, but she was afraid of him. The girl's father _____ (tell) Sir Hugo to stay away from his farm.
- f One day, when the farmer _____ (work) in his fields, Sir Hugo _____ (ride) to the farm with his friends. They _____ (caught) the girl and _____ (took) her to Baskerville Hall.
- g The frightened girl _____ (wait) until it was dark. Then she _____ (open) a window and _____ (escape) from Baskerville House.
- h Sir Hugo was terribly angry. He _____ (run) to his men and _____ (jump) on the table where they _____ (drink).
- i Sir Hugo _____ (not catch) the girl.
- j Since that time, many of the sons of the Baskerville family _____ (die) while they _____ (be) young.
- k I _____ (find) Sir Charles near the house, on the edge of the moor. He _____ (run) away from something when he _____ (die). I am sure of that.
- l I _____ (look) at the ground where Sir Charles had walked. I _____ (see) his footprints.

2 Put these events in chronological order – which event happened first? etc. Listen to Chapters 3–5 on the CD/download to check.

- ___ A man in a horse-drawn cab was watching Dr. Mortimer and Sir Henry.
- ___ Dr. Mortimer met Sir Henry at Waterloo Station.
- ___ Holmes, Watson, Sir Henry and Dr. Mortimer had lunch together.
- ___ Sir Charles began to run.
- ___ Sir Charles was waiting for someone at the gate.
- ___ Sir Henry discovered that someone had stolen an old boot.
- ___ Sir Henry told Holmes that Sir Charles had left him a million pounds.
- ___ Someone sent Sir Henry a note.
- ___ The rain washed the footprints away.

- 3 Listen to Chapters 6 and 7 on the CD/download. Match a name from column A with the sentence endings in column B to make true sentences.

A

Dr. Watson
 A soldier
 Selden
 Dr. Mortimer
 Barrymore
 Mrs. Barrymore
 Stapleton
 Sherlock Holmes
 Miss Stapleton
 Stapleton
 Dr. Watson

B

has a gun.
 has a black beard.
 has fair hair.
 has a look of fear in his/her eyes.
 has an army revolver.
 is a very dangerous man.
 is a very busy man.
 sees a soldier on a horse, guarding the road.
 starts crying during the night.
 rides away in the carriage.
 has a flower and butterfly collection.

- 4 Listen to Chapter 8. Dr. Watson sends a map with his report. Can you draw the map?



Listen again to check the details, then look at page 30 and compare.

5 Read this summary of Chapter 9. There are 12 mistakes. Can you find and correct them?

Watson is writing to Sherlock Holmes. He tells Holmes that he has found out that Sir Henry is in love with Miss Stapleton and wants to get married. He tells Holmes about Sir Henry's meeting with Miss Stapleton, Mr. Stapleton's rude behaviour and that later, Stapleton went to the Hall and said he was sorry for being rude. He invited Sir Henry for lunch on Friday.

Watson also tells Holmes about Barrymore.

Sir Henry and Watson had decided to try to catch Barrymore signalling. They waited in the dining-room, and at three o'clock in the morning, they heard footsteps. They saw Barrymore at the end of the corridor and he was waving a lamp in front of the window. They asked Barrymore who he was signalling to and he replied 'No-one.' Then Mrs. Barrymore explained that Selden, the murderer, was her nephew and he was outside, and that at night she took him food and clothes. Sir Henry and Watson decided to go and catch him. They put on their jackets and went out onto the moor.

The moon wasn't shining that night, so it was very dark. Then Sir Henry and Watson heard a large dog howling, but they weren't afraid. They saw a man and his light near a rock. Then they heard the dog again, coming nearer. The man started running away from something he had seen. They ran after him. Then they heard a scream.

Sir Henry held his revolver while they walked forward carefully, until they saw a man lying at the bottom of the Tor. The man was dead; he had fallen and broken his neck. Watson also saw a mysterious, tall, muscular man standing at the top of the Tor, watching them. The tall man then disappeared.

Listen to Chapter 9 and check your answers.

6 Listen to Chapters 10 and 11 on the CD/download. Put these events in the correct order.

- ___ Holmes and Watson walked to Baskerville Hall.
- ___ Mr. Frankland told Watson about the boy taking food and letters to High Tor farm.
- ___ The police took Selden's body away.
- ___ Watson decided to walk to Coombe Tracey.
- ___ Watson found one of his own letters at the farmhouse.
- ___ Watson met Stapleton.
- ___ Watson posted the letter.
- ___ Watson visited Mr Frankland's house.
- ___ Watson wrote a letter to Holmes.

7 Listen to Chapters 13 and 14. How many people see the hound? Who?

Listen again or read your book to check.

8 Listen to Chapter 14. How many members of the Baskerville family are mentioned? _____

Can you name them? What is their relationship to Sir Charles? _____

- 9 After you have listened to the story, answer this question. Who was the villain? Why did he/she want to kill Sir Henry?

Listen to Chapter 14 again and write down as much information as possible. Use these words to help you.

brothers trouble bad and clever marry warn
frightened tie her up beard waiter hunted

Listen again to check.