Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Chapter Two
Page 17 — exercise 1
1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B

Page 25 — exercise 1
1. A
2. B. He only took walks along the Yew Alley.
3. B. He found the footprints of a huge hound.
4. A
5. B. He thinks he stayed there for some time smoking, because he found cigar ashes there.
6. A
7. B. No, he ran away.

Page 25 — exercise 2
a. The hound in legend
When it was first seen: 1640
What it did when it was first seen: It followed him and then tore out the throat of the evil Sir Hugo Baskerville.
The hound today
Who has seen or heard it: Many sensible people in the neighbourhood have seen and heard it.
How it is described: It is a huge animal that gives off a strange light.
Role in the death of Sir Charles: Some think it killed him.
b. The fact that many ‘sensible people’ say they have seen it could make one believe that the stories are true.

Page 26 — exercise 3
a. progress
b. news
c. advice
d. information
e. rubbish
f. hair
g. traffic

Page 27 — exercise 4
Open answers.

Chapter Three
Page 28 — exercise 1
1. C
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. A

Page 35 — exercise 1
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b. First a new boot, and then an old one.
c. He sent a telegram to him which was to be delivered to him personally.
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g. Because he was working on another case.
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Page 35 — exercises 2, 3
Open answers.

KEY TO THE EXERCISES

Page 15 — exercise 1
1. B
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. D
6. A

Page 16 — exercise 2
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b. in order to read
c. in order to escape
d. in order to take
e. in order to find
f. in order to avoid
g. in order to smoke

Page 16 — exercise 3
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KEY TO THE EXERCISES
AND EXIT TEST

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Page 6 — exercise 1
a. His mother.
b. Alcoholism and epilepsy.
c. He could guess many things about his patients by just looking at them.
d. To make money.
e. Writing Sherlock Holmes stories took too much time away from his real passion, writing historical novels.
f. They were horrified, and many of them stopped their subscription to the Strand.
g. The promotion of Spiritualism.

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Early Crime Detection

Chapter Four

Page 43 – exercise 1
1. Waterloo  2. to go onto the moors  3. he should carry a gun  4. carriage  5. soldier  6. prisoner (or murderer)  7. Barrymore  8. large

Page 51 – exercise 1
a. 5 b. 9 c. 1 d. 7 e. 6 f. 2 g. 8 h. 3 i. 4

Page 52 – exercise 2
a. were travelling, saw, was looking b. were you doing, came c. was cleaning, found d. were you doing, came, was playing e. broke, was washing up f. saw, was walking g. was thinking, knocked h. was watching, heard

Chapter Five

Page 60 – exercise 1

Page 61 – exercise 2
Possible answer: My dearest brother, I know you must be very frightened but don’t worry. Everything is fine. Sir Henry followed us that evening and saw that Mr Barrymore held a candle in front of the window. I, of course, had to tell him the truth. First of all, I was certain that Sir Henry was a good man, just like his dear departed uncle was, and in fact he did not want to get us into trouble. Then when I explained that you are leaving for South America, he said he would stop looking for you. Mr Barrymore was so thankful that he told Sir Henry about the piece of letter we had found in the fireplace. It was signed, as you know, L.L. I hope now they can discover the truth about Sir Charles’ death. That is all. So don’t worry, and soon you will be on your way to a new life. Affectionately, Your sister Helen.

Page 62 – exercise 3

Chapter Six

Page 63 – exercise 1

Page 69 – exercise 1
a. At the gate of Yew Alley. b. The boy he thinks is bringing food to the criminal. c. Sherlock Holmes himself. d. Because he wanted Sir Henry to fall in love with his wife so he could stay close to Sir Henry to plan his murder. e. Stapleton. f. Because Holmes is going to tell her the truth about Stapleton, i.e., that is already married. g. The hound.

Page 70 – exercise 2
a. The young man said that he was Dr Mortimer. b. Dr Mortimer told Mr Holmes that he needed his advice. c. Mr Holmes said that they would help him. d. Dr Mortimer said that there were certain things that he could not believe. e. Dr Mortimer said that Barrymore had found Sir Charles’s body. f. Holmes said that he was a good observer. g. His father said that he was going to make his dinner that night. h. Louis said that he was studying for his English examination.

Page 70 – exercise 3
a. ’We saw a huge animal on the moor,’ they said. b. ’I am going to call my brother tomorrow,’ Harriet said.
c. ‘I can’t speak French very well,’ Tommy said.
d. ‘I did not understand my friend’s explanation,’ Holmes said.
e. ‘I will help mother tomorrow,’ Jane said.
f. ‘I always have my breakfast at 8 o’clock,’ she said.
g. ‘I ate with my classmates yesterday,’ Brian said.
h. ‘I don’t know anything about computers,’ Margaret said.

Chapter Seven
Page 71 – exercise 1
Page 77 – exercise 1
1. B. He felt that he himself was responsible for Sir Henry’s death.
2. A.
3. B. He was surprised.
4. B. Selden fell off the cliff while running away from the hound.
5. B. Selden did recognise Holmes.
6. B. He was interested, but he told Stapleton this to trick him.
7. B. He thought that Stapleton was responsible for Sir Charles’s death but he had no evidence.
8. A.
Page 77 – exercise 2
1. something about 2. doesn’t live 3. although 4. because I heard 5. nothing
Page 78 – exercise 3
a. alive — dead
b. beginning — end
c. large — small
d. light — darkness
e. above — below
f. carelessly — carefully
g. softly — loudly
h. new — old
i. happy — sad
Page 78 – exercise 4
1. darkness 2. happy 3. new, old 4. loudly 5. end 6. large

The Coming of the Fairies
Page 82 – exercise 1
a. F. He became annoyed because he did believe in a supernatural hound.
b. T.
c. F. He started becoming interested some 30 years before his son’s death.
d. T.
e. F. Conan Doyle took people’s criticism of and jokes about him in a very good-natured manner.
f. T.

Chapter Eight
Page 83 – exercise 1
1. very 2. when 3. because 4. It 5. together 6. at 7. that 8. this 9. for 10. to 11. in
Page 90 – exercise 1
Page 91 – exercise 2
Possible answer:
Dear Sir Henry,
Of course I was extremely sad about Sir Charles’s death. Now, however, that I realise that I myself played a role in his tragic death I feel even worse. Please believe me though when I tell you that I knew nothing of Mr Stapleton’s wicked plan. First let me explain that I have never had the support or love of my father, Mr Frankland. As you probably know, he is interested in his law cases and telescope, but not his daughter. What is more, I married a very bad man. My life was terrible. Then I met Mr Stapleton. He pretended to love me; he said he wanted to marry me; and then he used me to commit his dreadful crime.
First he told me to ask Sir Charles to meet me, and then, at the last moment, he told me not to go. He said he could help me with the divorce.
After Sir Charles’s death, I wanted to go to the police, but Mr Stapleton told me that the police would consider me a suspect. This frightened me very much, and I never told anyone about my planned meeting with Sir Charles. I am so sorry for my role in his death. Please forgive me.
Yours sincerely,
Laura Lyons
Page 92 – exercise 3
a. where b. where c. which d. who e. which f. where g. who
Page 92 – exercise 4
a. Laura Lyons was the woman who wrote Sir Charles a letter.
b. Mrs Barrymore was the woman who helped her brother by bringing him food.
c. Hugo Baskerville was the man who wrote a warning to his sons in 1742.
d. Mr Frankland was the man who loved arguing and looking at the moors through his telescope.

Chapter Nine
Page 94 – exercise 1
Page 100 – exercise 1
a. Phosphorous paint.
b. Sir Henry.
c. The marsh.
d. Stapleton’s old boot and the little house where Stapleton had kept the hound.
e. According to Holmes, he drowned in the marsh.
Page 101 – exercise 2
a. Our dinner was not brought until ten o’clock.
b. The song ‘Auld Lang Syne’ is sung by the English on New Year’s Eve.
c. The gate was left open last night.
d. A lot of good wine is produced in California.
e. The first scientific detective was created by Edgar Allan Poe.
f. A huge hound was seen out on the moors.
g. I was bitten by a big black cat.
h. My car was totally covered by snow.
Comprehension
1. Answer the following questions.

a. What was Sherlock Holmes’ address?
b. What was Sir Hugo Baskerville like?
c. What other footprints, beside Sir Charles’s, were found near the body?
d. Why did Dr Mortimer come to see Sherlock Holmes?
e. What strange thing happened to Sir Henry in his London hotel?
f. Who inherited most of Sir Charles’s money?
g. What was Baskerville Hall like?
h. Why was the Great Grimpen Marsh dangerous?
i. Who was Mr Frankland’s daughter?
j. Why did Barrymore go to the window with a candle?
k. Why did Laura Lyons want to meet Sir Charles?
l. Why did Stapleton let Sir Henry fall in love with his wife?
m. Why did Holmes and Watson think that Selden was Sir Henry when they first found him lying dead at the bottom of the cliff?
n. Why did Holmes decide to send Sir Henry to Selden’s house alone?
o. How did Holmes discover that Stapleton was actually a Baskerville?
p. Why didn’t Laura Lyons go to her meeting with Sir Charles?
q. Who killed the Hound of the Baskervilles?

True or False?
2. Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and then correct the false ones.

a. The Hound of the Baskervilles appeared for the first time in 1742. T F
b. Sir Charles Baskerville was a very bad man who never helped anyone except himself. T F
c. Even though he considers himself a man of science, Sherlock Holmes believes in the supernatural stories. T F
d. Sir Charles’ footprints showed that he walked on his toes. T F
e. Sir Henry was too frightened to go to Baskerville Hall after he received a note telling him that it was dangerous there. T F
Comprehension

a. 221B Baker Street, London.
b. He was cruel and bad man.
c. Those of a large hound.
d. He came to see him to ask advice about protecting Sir Henry.
e. Somebody stole one of his new boots, and then somebody stole one of his old boots.
f. Sir Henry.
g. It was a large and not very cheerful house.
h. Because the ground was so soft there that if an animal or man fell in, he sank down and could not get out.
i. Laura Lyons.
j. He was signalling to Selden that his food was ready.
k. She wanted to ask his advice about getting divorced.
l. It gave him an excuse to stay close to Sir Henry to plan his murder.
m. Because he was wearing Sir Henry’s clothes.
n. Because he still did not have any real evidence against Selden and needed to catch him while he was trying to kill Sir Henry.
o. He saw that Stapleton looked just like Sir Hugo Baskerville.
p. Because Stapleton told her that he would help her get the divorce.
q. Sherlock Holmes.

True or False?

a. F. It first appeared in 1640.
b. F. He was good man who was very generous with the poor.
c. F. He does not believe in them at all, and he is annoyed with Dr Mortimer because he does.
d. F. They really showed that he ran away from something.
e. F. He said that nobody could stop him from going to his family home.
f. T.
g. F. As Watson soon discovered, he heard Mrs Barrymore crying.
h. F. She thought that he was Sir Henry.
i. F. He was not at all happy.
j. F. He went there to meet Laura Lyons.
k. F. She never went to their planned meeting.
l. T.
m. F. Selden fell off the cliff.
n. T.
o. F. They only told him this so that he would be more convincing when he spoke with Stapleton.
p. T.
q. T.
r. F. They found Miss Stapleton.
s. T.