

Part Three: Mystery

Chapter 7: A Stolen Letter

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

desperate, confession, searched, huge, respectable, debts

Idioms and Expressions

You have until Tuesday morning to pay up.

Now, Will, you can see what a spot I'm in.

The manager will point out Davager to us.

Keep an eye on him.

Count out five groups of flowers

Understanding the Story

1. Because Alice was of lower social status. She had been the governess of Frank's sister.
2. Davager, a former employee of Alice Smith's father.
3. That he will send a note to Frank's father written by Alice's father in which he confessed to the crime of forgery.
4. If he received this note, Mr. Gatliffe would stop the wedding.
5. He finds the letter under a loose board in Davager's hotel room.

Reading between the Lines

1. Young people, even of legal age, needed their parents' permission to marry.
2. The publication of the letter would greatly compromise the Gatliffe reputation. Mr. Gatliffe would never allow his son to marry the daughter of a forger.
3. Because he paid back the debt and wrote a letter of confession.
4. He believes that Davager would not carry the letter on his person, and Will finds the code in Davager's notebook.
5. The mystery is solved when Will counts down a design in the rug of five flowers and four trees.
6. Will encloses a penny to let Davager know that he has outwitted him.

Practicing Vocabulary

3. C 4. C 5. I 6. I 7. C 8. I 9. C 10. I

Learning New Skills: Analyzing the Plot

2. g 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. a 7. b

Grammar Review: Adverbs

Exercise 2

I certainly hope so.	certainly, so	hope
Your father has finally accepted her.	finally	accepted
The Major was so ashamed.	so	ashamed
We won't be much longer.	not, much	will, longer

Irregular Verbs

Sally: became, put

Joe: Let

Sally: lost

Joe: taken

Sally: hid

Sally: meet

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	a small town in England, mid-19th century
Characters	Frank Gatliffe, Alfred Davager, Will Cunningham, Tom, Mary
Plot	Alfred Davager possesses a letter which, if published, will stop Frank Gatliffe's wedding to Alice Smith. He threatens to publish the letter unless Frank pays him a large sum of money. Will Cunningham, Frank's lawyer, searches for the letter.
Conflict	is between Davager and Frank Gatliffe. His lawyer Will Cunningham searches for the letter.
Theme	A criminal's attempt at blackmail is defeated.
Ending	Will Cunningham finds the letter, and leaves a note and a penny for Davager.

Chapter 8: *The Adventures of the Speckled Band*

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

whistling, shivering, inheritance, consult, schedule

Idioms and Expressions

She left all her money to Dr. Roylott in trust for us while we lived with him.

We lived in daily fear of him.

Without your stepfather's knowledge, you must spend the night with a friend or relative.

We are just in time to prevent another murder.

Understanding the Story

1. She has recently become engaged, and she is afraid that her stepfather is planning to kill her as he did her sister.
2. She is afraid because she heard the same strange whistle that her sister heard just before she died.
3. From the bite of a deadly snake.
4. Because on her wedding, Julia would receive a large portion of her inheritance.
5. So that he can send the snake through the vent.
6. By striking at the snake and sending it into Dr. Roylott's room.

Reading between the Lines

1. Dr. Roylott arranged “the accidents.”
2. The clause that stated when her daughters married they would receive the greater part of the inheritance.
3. Because the snake had bands of speckles on its body.
4. The appearance of the snake.
5. Milk attracts a snake.
6. From living in India, Dr. Roylott was familiar with deadly snakes and he was able to smuggle one into England.

Practicing Vocabulary

1. shiver
2. repair
3. scheduled
4. smuggle
5. consult
6. deadly
7. identical
8. hinting
9. whistle
10. terror

Learning New Skills: Following Clues

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

Grammar Review: Infinitives

Exercise 1

1. Helen Stoner has come to consult Sherlock Holmes.
2. Julia died suddenly shortly after she became engaged to marry an officer in the Marines.
3. I also have become engaged and expect to be married soon.
4. I can show you the house as my stepfather plans to go out this evening.
5. We are just in time to prevent another murder.

Irregular Verbs

1. awakened
2. hit
3. bitten
4. heard
5. became
6. spent
7. came
8. saw
9. told
10. sat

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	England, mid-19th century
Characters	Sherlock Holmes Dr. John Watson Helen Stoner
Plot	Helen Stoner comes to consult Sherlock Holmes because she fears that her stepfather is trying to kill her as he killed her sister.
Conflict	The conflict is between Dr. Roylott's attempt to kill his stepdaughter with a deadly snake and Holmes' effort to prevent him.
Theme	Dr. Roylott is killed by his own murder weapon.
Ending	The snake reverses its path and kills Roylott instead of Helen.

Chapter 9: *The Monkey's Paw*

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

dreary, depressing, fate, superstitious, shock

Idioms and Expressions

It looks as if I've got you, son.

I'll be disappointed if Morris doesn't show up.

Mr. White jumps from his chair and heads for the door and brings his guest into the living room.

Now you're talking.

It gave me a shock.

Understanding the Story

1. The Whites are expecting Sergeant Major Morris to visit.
2. Sgt. Maj. Morris lived in India.
3. He shows them a monkey's paw.
4. It can grant someone three wishes.
5. Mrs. White wants her dead son to return to her.
6. Mr. White wishes his son back to the grave.

Reading between the Lines

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. a

Practicing Vocabulary

1. dreary
2. disappointed
3. superstitious
4. depressed
5. military
6. shock
7. compensation
8. sympathy
9. sorrow
10. interfered
11. identify
12. fate

Learning New Skills: Following Clues

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

Grammar Review: Present Continuous Tense

1. are playing
2. is teaching
3. remembers
4. believe
5. wants
6. am coming

1. He is teaching his sister how to ride a bicycle.
2. She is throwing out her old clothes.
3. I'm bringing a cake to the party.
4. The snow is falling.
5. My parents are paying a lot of money for my college education.

Irregular Verbs

2. told
3. made, fell
4. taught
5. took, threw
6. brought
7. came
8. went, saw

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	A small house in an English village
Characters	Mr. and Mrs. White Their son Herbert Sgt. Maj. Morris Mr. Evans
Plot	When Sgt. Maj. Morris visits the Whites, he brings along a monkey's paw that possesses magical powers. It will grant three wishes to whoever has it. Mr. White wishes for 200 pounds and receives it from an insurance payment after his son dies. Mrs. White asks her husband to use the second wish to bring back their dead son.
Conflict	The father is torn between his wish and the bad luck it brought. He's also torn between wanting his son back and knowing it's unnatural.
Theme	Bad luck can accompany good luck. Be careful what you wish for. We can't change our fate.
Ending	Mr. White uses his last wish to send his son back to the grave.

Part Three: End-of-Part Activities

Words Frequently Confused

A Stolen Letter

knew, read, met, lose, loose, hole

The Adventure of the Speckled Band

lived, close, leave, mind, expect, wrapped

The Monkey's Paw

tale, wish, son, loss