

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers. Model answer:* He lives in London, and he works as a detective.
- 2 *Reader's own answers.*
- 3 **a** *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* The first story happens in winter because it's cold. The second story happens in autumn or winter because of the fog.
b *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* They usually travel by train or with horses.
- 4 *Reader's own answers. Model answer:* Queen Victoria was queen from 1837 to 1901. From 1901 to 1910, her son Edward VII was king.

During-reading questions

THE ADVENTURE OF THE YELLOW BAND

- 1 Watson is in bed.
- 2 She was driven to the train station and then came to London by train. Holmes can see that her left arm is dirty from the wet road, and she has a train ticket in her glove.
- 3 She heard rain hitting the windows, a scream, a low whistle and a large piece of metal falling.
- 4 She is engaged now. Last night, she heard a low whistle, and she was very worried.
- 5 Roylott does not want Holmes to meddle with him.
- 6 The bell-rope is never used; there are not usually any servants to call with it, and it does not ring.
- 7 Because he sees a bowl of milk.
- 8 The snake bites him.
- 9 The snake goes through the ventilator.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE BRUCE-PARTINGTON PLANS

- 1 Because Mycroft almost never leaves his office, but he is coming to see Holmes and Watson.
- 2 His body was found next to an Underground train line.
- 3 He was carrying two pounds, a bank book, two theatre tickets and some work papers. He was not carrying a train ticket.
- 4 Sir James Walter and Mr Sidney Johnson.
- 5 On the roof of the train.
- 6 Oberstein lives very near the Underground line.
- 7 Because he wants the spy to come to Caulfield Gardens.
- 8 Valentine Walter.
- 9 Because he reads Holmes's message in the newspaper and wants to get one more paper.
- 10 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Maybe it is the Queen of England.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE DANCING MEN

- 1 He is worried because he is finding strange drawings of dancing men. His wife is very frightened.
- 2 If Holmes has more drawings, it will be easier to find their meaning.
- 3 That Mr Cubitt is dead and Mrs Cubitt is dying.
- 4 Miss Saunders, who is a servant, and Mrs King, who is the cook.
- 5 No, they never argued.
- 6 There were three shots. Two shots came from inside the house, and a third came through the window.
- 7 He discovers that Slaney is one of the most dangerous men in Chicago. He sends a telegram to a friend in the New York Police to ask about him.

- 8 Holmes. It asks Slaney to come to Riding Thorpe at once.
- 9 He goes to prison for a long time.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Maybe Helen Stoner wanted it to be secret.
- 2 If nothing was taken, it shows that he was not killed for his money but for some other reason.
- 3 Because it shows that the window was open, and the wind pushed the smoke through the house.
- 4 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Holmes needs someone to talk to. Watson helps by listening to him.

Exercises

THE ADVENTURE OF THE YELLOW BAND

- 1 1 immediately 2 stepfather
3 twins 4 will
5 argument 6 engaged
- 2 1 Please tell me **what** happened.
2 She stood up **when** we came in.
3 I'm not sure **why** I'm so worried.
4 My sister was only thirty **when** she died.
5 I don't know **where** it comes from.
6 You must do **what** I say or it will be very dangerous for you.
7 I didn't see **what** my friend was hitting.
- 3 1 b 2 a 3 h 4 f
5 g 6 e 7 d 8 c

THE ADVENTURE OF THE BRUCE-PARTINGTON PLANS

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

- 5 1 There was a thick yellow **fog** over London.
2 Mycroft works for the **government**.
3 West's body was found at the end of a **tunnel**.
4 West had the plans for the Bruce-Partington **submarine**.
5 Holmes thinks that the plans were bought by a foreign **spy**.
6 Holmes put an **advertisement** in the newspaper.
- 6 1 West's dead body **was found next to an Underground train line**.
2 Huge guns and other war machines **are made at Woolwich Arsenal**.
3 The plans **were locked in a safe in the office**.
4 West's body **was thrown on to the train**.
5 The noise of a body falling to the ground **was heard**.
6 A copy of the three keys **was made**.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE DANCING MEN

- 7 1 false. Watson is not going to put money into a South African business.
2 true
3 true
4 false. Mr Cubitt dies before Holmes and Watson get to Riding Thorpe Manor.
5 false. Mr and Mrs Cubitt did not argue in the night.
6 true
7 false. A flag shows the end of a word.
8 false. Mrs Cubitt wanted to give some money to Abe Slaney.
- 8 1 Holmes. He is thinking that Watson isn't going to put money into Thurston's business.
2 Mr Cubitt. He is thinking about the dancing men.

- 3 Holmes. He is thinking about the dancing men.
- 4 The man at the station ticket office. He is thinking about Holmes and Watson.
- 5 Mrs King, the cook. She is thinking about the shots that she heard in the night.
- 6 Abe Slaney. He is thinking about Holmes, Watson and the police.
- 7 Mrs Cubitt. She is thinking about Abe Slaney.

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 - 1 Here's a problem that I can't explain.
 - 2 My wife is frightened by the messages.
 - 3 I don't know what these drawings mean.
 - 4 I'm worried about my wife.
 - 5 Mrs Cubitt can't speak at the moment.
 - 6 We smelled the smoke in the corridor.
 - 7 The third shot didn't come from Mr Cubitt's gun.
 - 8 Elsie didn't like the crime business, and she didn't want to stay in Chicago.

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Project work

Reader's own answers.