The Hound of the Baskervilles

**Activity worksheets** LEVEL 5

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### While reading Chapters 1–3

**1. Finish these sentences without looking at the book.**

a. Dr James Mortimer is a .......................... .

b. He comes to see Holmes because .......................... .

c. Sir Hugo Baskerville owned Baskerville Hall in 1650. He was .......................... .

d. One night he followed .......................... .

e. He and the girl were found dead. There was a terrible thing .......................... .

f. Over 200 years later, Sir Charles Baskerville is found .......................... .

**2. Put these events in the right order.**

a. □ Hugo and his friends were drinking, singing and shouting downstairs.

b. □ Hugo’s friends followed him into the moor.

c. □ When Hugo found out the girl had escaped, he promised he would give his body and soul to the Powers of Evil if he could catch the girl.

d. □ One day Hugo Baskerville carried off a young girl he was in love and locked her in room in the Baskerville Hall.

e. □ They found the girl’s and Hugo’s body lying in the centre of a hollow. A great black animal was biting at his throat.

f. □ The young girl was very frightened and escaped by climbing down the wall.

g. □ He gave his hounds a piece of cloth from the girl’s clothing and rode after them.

**3. Correct these sentences.**

a. Every night, Sir Charles went for a long walk down the Yew Avenue.

b. It is important that a member of the Baskerville’s family settles at the Hall to put an end to foolish stories.

c. Dr Mortimer had suggested Sir Charles should spend some time in London. There Sir Charles would get stronger.

d. Sir Charles died an unnatural death.

e. Dr Mortimer couldn’t recognise Sir Charles because his face was covered with mud.

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### Chapters 4–6

**4. Who says the sentences below, and who do they say them to? What are they talking about? Change the sentences from direct speech into reported speech in the past tense.**

Example: ‘I can laugh at a joke like anybody else, but they have gone a bit too far this time.’

Sir Henry Baskerville speaking to Holmes about his missing boots.

Sir Henry told Holmes that he could laugh at a joke like anybody else, but this time someone had gone too far.

a. ‘He is quite old, and is a man of good life and simple tastes.’

b. ‘Did you know that you were followed this morning?’

c. ‘I tell you, this time we have an enemy worth fighting.’

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**5. Who says these things? Who to? Why?**

a. ‘I confess that I see no connection.’

b. ‘Now we are guessing.’

c. ‘There is no time to lose’

d. ‘It seems the maddest, strangest thing that has ever happened to me’

e. ‘This man would do anything.’

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**6. Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the words below.**

moor walk meets surprises crying breakfast mire death footsteps chases plan foothold Sir Henry back to London After (a) ................. Watson meets Mrs Barrymore. He realises that she was the person he heard (b) ................. in the night. He takes a (c) ................. along the edge of the (d) ................. and (e) ................. Stapleton. Stapleton (f) ................. Watson by asking him if Holmes has come to a decision about the (g) ................. of Sir Charles.
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Stapleton (h) .................. a small fly across the (i) .................. without losing his (j) .................. Miss Stapleton thinks that Watson is (k) .................., and tells him to go (l) .................. In the night Watson hears (m) .................. passing his room. He and Sir Henry make a (n) .................. .

Chapters 10–12

7 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a The escaped prisoner is Mrs. Barrymore’s elder brother. □
   b Watson and Sir Henry go out onto the moor to give the prisoner some food. □
   c Watson and Sir Henry think they hear a ghost on the moor. □
   d Watson sees a man on a rock. □
   e Laura Lyons wrote a letter to Sir Charles and he burnt it. □

8 Answer these questions.
   a How does Holmes know that Watson is in the hut?
   b Who was the man Watson saw on the night he and Sir Henry went out after Selden?
   c Why does Stapleton want people to think his wife is his sister?
   d Who does Watson describe as ‘the man of iron’?
   e Who dies on the rocks of the moor? Why do Holmes and Watson mistake him for someone else?
   f What makes Stapleton such a dangerous enemy?

9 Use these phrases to write true or false sentences about the story. Then ask your partners to find the wrong ones.
   a ashes of a burnt letter
   b her father’s permission
   c money to buy freedom
   d a familiar cigarette end
   e detailed records on every schoolmaster
   f the reddish-brown suit
   g an unpleasant memory back to London

Chapters 13–15

10 Put these events in the right order.
   a □ Holmes sends a report to Princetown about the death of Selden.
   b □ Laura Lyons tells Holmes that Stapleton stopped her from keeping her appointment with Sir Charles.
   c □ Holmes, Watson and Lestrade position themselves around Merripit House.
   d □ Mrs Stapleton is found tied to a post.
   e □ A gigantic, fire-breathing hound chases Sir Henry across the moor.
   f □ The mist begins to surround Merripit House.
   g □ Holmes and Watson look for Stapleton on Grimpen Mire, but cannot find him.
   h □ Holmes tells Laura Lyons that Stapleton is married.
   i □ Holmes tells Sir Henry that he and Watson are returning to London.

11 Answer these questions.
   a What relation was Stapleton to Sir Charles?
   b What killed Sir Charles?
   c Why did Stapleton steal one old boot and one new boot from Sir Henry?
   d Why did Holmes pretend to be in London when he was hiding on Dartmoor?
   e Why did Stapleton encourage the friendship between Sir Henry and his wife?
1 Match the sentences (a–e) with the sentences (1–5).
   a The members of the Baskervilles’ family must know the story of the curse.
   b The man who looked after the sheep on the moor was mad with fear.
   c Sir Charles suffered from heart disease.
   d Barrymore found the front door open the night of June 4.
   e Barrymore made a false statement at the inquiry.
   1) …….. This caused changes of colour and difficulty in breathing.
   2) …….. He said there were no marks on the ground round the body.
   3) …….. They shouldn’t be afraid but careful.
   4) …….. He had seen Hugo followed by a hound of the devil.
   5) …….. He took a light and went down the Yew Avenue.

2 What happened first? Number the sentences.
   a ☐ Another strange thing happened to Sir Henry that morning.
   b ☐ They soon saw a cab following Dr Mortimer and Sir Henry.
   c ☐ A letter reached Sir Henry Baskerville the morning he arrived in London.
   d ☐ When he noticed Holmes was looking at him, the cab went off Regent Street.
   e ☐ Sherlock Holmes and Watson followed them.
   f ☐ The man inside it had a bushy black beard.
   g ☐ Holmes thought he would soon find it.
   h ☐ Sherlock Holmes opened a copy of *The Times* and found out how the writer of the letter built the message.
   i ☐ Dr Mortimer and Sir Henry went back to the hotel on foot.
   j ☐ One of his boots disappeared.

3 What happened on the moor? Choose the right name to complete the sentences.
   Miss Stapleton  Sir Henry  Mr Stapleton
   Mr Barrymore  Watson
   a ………………. knew Sir Charles well and missed him now he was dead.
   b ………………. was strongly attracted by Miss Stapleton.
   c ……………… didn’t sleep well and heard footsteps in the middle of the night.
   d ……………… kept repeating that Baskerville Hall was a place of danger for Sir Henry.
   e ……………… was sitting at a window, with a light in his hand.

4 Choose the correct answer.
   a Watson began to think the hound was real when ……..
      1) he heard the cries himself.
      2) the people said it breathed fire.
      3) he saw it for the first time.
   b Mrs Laura Lyons asked Sir Charles for money but she did not meet him at the gate because ……..
      1) Stapleton learnt about her visit to the Hall.
      2) she saw the hound and was terrified.
      3) someone else had given her the money.
   c Holmes suspected the naturalist was the murderer when ……..
      1) he saw this bearded face in the carriage in London.
      2) he discovered he had lied about his sister.
      3) he stole Sir Henry’s new boot.
   d The dead body Holmes found was wearing Sir Henry’s clothes because ……..
      1) he had gone out on the moor at night.
      2) Selden got them to help him escape.
      3) it was Sir Henry himself.
   e Holmes stopped Watson from calling the police because ……..
      1) he had already called Lestrade.
      2) Sir Henry refused to make it known.
      3) they had no facts, only guesses.

5 Write true (T) or false (F).
   a Holmes wanted Stapleton to think that Sir Henry was alone and he was in London. ☐
   b On the night of Henry’s visit, Mrs Stapleton was in a room because she was not feeling well. ☐
   c Sir Henry was taken home to recover from the wounds caused by the hound. ☐
   d Mrs Stapleton put up with her husband’s behaviour until she realised he had a lover. ☐
   e The cries came from the hound hidden in the cave. ☐