

CLASSIC DETECTIVE STORIES



KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS

Before you read

Page 7 – Ex. 1

1. A / 2. B / 3. C / 4. C / 5. D / 6. A

PART ONE

Go back to the text

Page 18 – Ex. 1

- He fought for the Confederacy, i.e., the South.
- Pieces of luggage and boxes of papers.
- Five orange pips.
- Pondicherry, a city in India.
- Death – his death.
- 'KKK'.
- Papers.
- 'KKK'.
- His brother, John's father.
- At the edge of a pond in the garden.
- He had committed suicide.

Page 19 – Ex. 2

1. D / 2. D / 3. B / 4. A / 5. A / 6. C

Page 20 – Ex. 3

LAW: crime / coroner / will

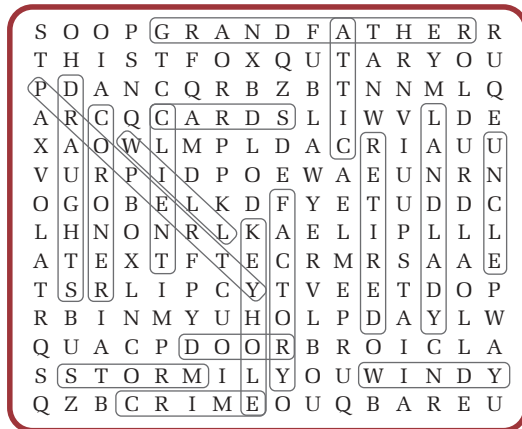
GAMES: draughts / cards

WEATHER: storm / windy

FAMILY: grandfather / uncle

WORK: factory / retired / client

HOUSES: property / keyhole /
landlady / attic / door



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Open answers.

Before you read

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1. C / 2. B / 3. A / 4. A / 5. C / 6. A /
7. C / 8. C



Key to the exercises

PART TWO

Go back to the text

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- F – He didn't call the police because he was afraid they would think he was foolish.
- F – He went to see his friend about three days later.
- T
- F – He had died as a result of an accident.
- T
- F – He lived in the house very happily until he too received the five orange pips.
- T
- T

Page 29 – Ex. 2

1. f / 2. c / 3. h / 4. a / 5. e / 6. i / 7. b /
8. g / 9. d

- sooner / b. carefully / c. happily /
d. danger / e. refused / f. eagerly /
g. foolish / h. empty / i. quickly

Page 31 – Ex. 3

Possible answer:

My dearest Julia!

Something terrible has happened and I feel that I should explain everything to you. After all, we are going to be married soon and you should know everything about your future husband. It all began when my Uncle Elias went to the United States as a young man. He lived in Florida and there he became a wealthy man. When the Civil War began he fought for the South because he did not want the black slaves to be free. After the war he returned to Florida and then he came back to England. This was some years ago. He was then murdered after he received an envelope containing five orange pips. After that, my father came to live in my uncle's house. About a year later he also received five orange

pips and then he was murdered. Only yesterday I, too, received a letter with five orange pips and I was sure that I would die. Fortunately, a friend of mine told me about the great Sherlock Holmes. This man can solve almost any crime, so now I feel better. Do not worry my love! I am sure Holmes will save me. Your loving husband-to-be, John

Before you read

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smoked / few / kind / reply /
something / letter / about / leave /
frightened / still / last / ship / died /
after / explain / mean.

PART THREE

Go back to the text

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- Where were the letters sent from? They were sent from Pondicherry, Dundee and London.
- Why was there always a delay between the arrival of the letter and the death? Because the letters travelled on a fast mail boat while the murderers travelled on a slower sailing ship.
- What do the letters 'KKK' stand for? They stand for Ku Klux Klan.
- When did the 'KKK' come into existence? It came into existence after the Civil War.
- What was the 'KKK' against? It was against black people being free and having the right to vote.
- Why did the 'KKK' send oak leaves, melon seeds or orange pips? They sent these as a warning to the people they were going to kill if they did not change their ways.

- g. Why did the 'KKK' want Uncle Elias' diary back?
Because it contained information about the organisation's members.
- h. According to the police, how did John Openshaw die?
He fell into the river by accident.
- i. What did Holmes send to Captain James Calhoun.
Five orange pips.
- j. How did Holmes find out about James Calhoun?
He checked all the ships that had left from Pondicherry, and discovered one called the *Lone Star*. Only three members of the crew were American: Captain Calhoun and two others.
- k. Why didn't the police ever arrest James Calhoun?
Because his ship sank in a storm and never reached the United States.

Page 42 – Ex. 2

- a. a / b. e / c. b / d. b / e. a / f. a / g. a / h. d

Page 42 – Ex. 3

- a. any / b. somebody / c. some / d. any / e. any / f. some / g. Somebody / h. anything / i. something / j. anybody / k. something / l. somewhere

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- Ku Klux Klan
- Resemblance to the sound made when cocking a rifle.
- Ex-Confederate soldiers.
- After the American Civil War.
- For political purposes.
- To terrorise black voters and to drive anybody from the country who did not agree with them.
- Sending a sprig of oak leaves, melon seeds or orange pips as a warning to the victim to change his ways or flee the country.

- Those who did not change their ways were then killed in strange and unpredictable ways.
- The police had very little success in catching them.
 - Although the 'KKK' collapsed in 1869, typical 'KKK'-style crimes have been reported since then.

Page 45 – Internet Project

Suggested web site:

www.infoplease.com/ce6/history/A0828331.html

HUNTED DOWN**Before you read****Page 48 – Ex. 1**

- A
- A
- A
- B – He knows a friend of Mr Sampson's.
- B – Mr Slinkton leaves without talking to him.
- A
- B – He is not sure whether his friend will take out an insurance policy or not.
- B – He is referring to Mr Meltham.
- A
- B – He left because the woman he loved died.

PART ONE**Go back to the text****Page 53 – Ex. 1**

- Chief Manager of an insurance office
- thirty years
- studies their faces before speaking to them
- his first opinion of people
- dislikes him
- to get information for a friend
- Mr Meltham has left the insurance profession

- nieces
- died
- to Italy for his nieces' health
- one of them died there
- ashamed of himself

Page 54 – Ex. 2

- A. She is sitting and drinking a glass of water.

B. He is writing.

C. He is looking at the two men talking.

D. He is smiling.

E. They are talking.

F. He is sleeping.

Page 55 – Ex. 3

Open answers.

PART TWO**Go back to the text****Page 64 – Ex. 1**

- She is Mr Slinkton's niece.
- He is Major Banks.
- She says that he is a good, kind man.
- Because she was in danger.
- That she is very ill.
- A weapon.
- He wants to know if he is dead yet.
- He says that the world is a sad place.

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- I think Mr Sampson will be away for a week.
- I'm afraid his insurance payment won't be very high.
- I expect they won't arrive on time.
- I believe Mr Sampson will go to Scarborough.

- Mr Beckwith's family will probably receive £2,000.
- Do you think the story will have a happy ending?
- I'm certain you won't like Mr Slinkton.
- He won't be able to help you I'm afraid.

Page 65 – Ex. 3

Open answer.

Before you read**Page 66 – Ex. 1**

1. A / 2. B / 3. B / 4. D / 5. A / 6. C / 7. D / 8. C / 9. A / 10. C.

PART THREE**Go back to the text****Page 73 – Ex. 1**

- Lied – Mr Meltham was unhappy because Margaret, Mr Slinkton's niece, had died. Mr Slinkton did not want anyone to know his connection with Mr Meltham.
- Told the truth.
- Told the truth.
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- Told the truth.
- Told the truth.

Page 74 – Ex. 2

- He discovers the truth when he receives the mysterious visitor. No, he doesn't tell the reader the truth at that point in the story.
- Mr Meltham.
- He pretended that he was a drunk and that he was drinking himself to death.

Page 75 – Ex. 3

Possible answer:

To the London Police:

I wish to reveal all the facts concerning the murder of Miss Margaret Niner by Mr Julius Slinkton. Mr Slinkton used

his knowledge of insurance and poison to kill Miss Niner and I am afraid I, too, am going to die because of his poisoning.

It all began five years ago when I first met Miss Niner. It was love at first sight when I saw her walking with her sister in a London park. I talked to her for a long time and she began to tell me about her illness. I had studied chemistry at university so I understood that she was being poisoned. When she told me that her uncle knew all about the insurance business too, I was certain that he was killing her. Unfortunately, her uncle took her to Italy – for her health he said – and she died there. When I heard the news of her death I swore that I would hunt her uncle down!

I had a great idea. I pretended to be a young man named Mr Beckwith who drank too much and who wished to take out a life insurance policy. Mr Slinkton immediately helped me to get the policy and he began to prepare my brandy for me, adding a bit of poison each day. I also contacted Mr Sampson, the manager of an insurance office. He and his servant helped me to trick Mr Slinkton. When Mr Slinkton and his niece were in Scarborough, I disguised myself as an old invalid, and became friends with her. In this way we warned her of her danger and Mr Sampson's servant took her away to safety. Once she was safe, Mr Sampson came to my office at Middle Temple to accuse Mr Slinkton. Unfortunately, when Mr Slinkton saw that we had discovered his horrible plan, he took some poison and died. This then is my story.

page 75 – Ex. 4



ENGLISH DETECTIVE FICTION

Page 79 – Ex. 1

- Edgar Allan Poe.
- By the relentless application of logic.
- He uses both logic and scientific observation.
- Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.
- Hercule Poirot relies on his intelligence like Dupin and Holmes, while Miss Marple relies on her intuitive understanding of human nature.
- They described the life of the wealthy and leisured upper-middle classes.
- They did not describe the lower classes or the social problems of the day.
- They wrote about all aspects of British society in more realistic terms.

THE STIR OUTSIDE THE CAFÉ ROYAL

Before you read

Page 82 – Ex. 1

- C / 2. A / 3. A / 4. A / 5. B / 6. C / 7. A / 8. B / 9. C / 10. A / 11. C

Go back to the text

Page 93 – Ex. 1

- 8 / Caption 6 / e, h
- 4 / Caption 2 / c, g
- 5 / Caption 8
- 3 / Caption 4 / j
- 1 / Caption 5
- 6 / Caption 7 / a, i, f
- 7 / Caption 1 / d
- 2 / Caption 3 / b

Page 97 – Ex. 2

BRITISH	AMERICAN
to post	to mail
draughts	checkers
handbag	purse
to think, to suppose	to guess
pub	bar
bill	check
solicitor	lawyer
porter	doorman

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- Mathurin's criminal career was ended by Nora Van Snoop.
- Mathurin's real identity was known by only two people.
- The bill and a sheet of paper were brought to the table by the waiter.
- The note accusing Mathurin was written by Nora.
- Miss Van Snoop was accused of stealing the cigarette case by the porter.
- During the ride to the police station Miss Van Snoop was watched by the policeman.
- Mathurin was arrested by the inspector.
- Will Stevens was shot by Mathurin.

Page 98 – Ex. 4

Open answer.

THE ORACLE OF THE DOG

Before you read

Page 101 – Ex. 1

- dogs / 2. man / 3. smiled / 4. wonderful / 5. reply / 6. lying / 7. excitedly / 8. case / 9. pocket / 10. article

Page 101 – Ex. 2

Open answer.

PART ONE

Go back to the text

Page 107 – Ex. 1

Date of crime: 4th April 1904
Location: Cranston, Yorkshire.
Name of victim: Colonel Druce
Activity at moment of death: The Colonel was sitting in his summerhouse.
Important features of clothing or appearance: He was wearing a white linen suit.

WITNESSES

Name
Patrick Floyd
Janet Druce
Donald Druce

Position at time of crime
On a ladder in the garden
Sitting on the terrace
Looking out of his bedroom window

What he/she saw
No one entered the summerhouse
No one entered the summerhouse
He saw Janet Druce and Patrick Floyd

Weapon: Unknown
Wounds: Stab wound in back
Last person seen with victim: Mr Aubrey Traill, the Colonel's solicitor.
How body was found: Janet Druce entered the summerhouse and found him.

Possible suspects/Other people in the area at time of crime

Name
Dr Valentine
Aubrey Traill
Herbert Druce
Harry Druce
Relation to victim
His daughter's fiancé
His solicitor
His nephew
His nephew
Job
Doctor
Solicitor
Army officer
Army officer

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- I was working on a ladder in the garden.
- I was sitting on the terrace.
- I was looking out of my bedroom window.
- I was out walking with Fiennes and Herbert.
- I was out walking with Herbert and Harry Druce.

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He was wearing a white linen suit.

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- Harry was telling ... when Janet screamed.
- I entered ... I saw ... She was ... screaming ... Colonel Druce was lying ...
- Last night somebody rang ... while I was reading ...
- Fiennes walked ... Father Brown was standing ... he was thinking about ...
- When the solicitor arrived, Donald Druce was sleeping.
- We were talking ... I looked down and saw ...
- As we were walking ... we passed ...

Before you read

Page 110 – Ex. 1

1. B / 2. C / 3. D / 4. A / 5. D / 6. D / 7. C / 8. A / 9. B / 10. A

PART TWO

Go back to the text

Page 119 – Ex. 1

- It was two rocks, one balanced on top of the other.
- No, they weren't.
- They were throwing sticks into the water for him to fetch.
- When Colonel Druce was murdered.
- Just after Nox began to howl.
- She had found her father's body.
- He ran away.
- Fiennes.
- Because he said that the dog knew who had killed his master.
- With his tie-pin.
- Because he was angry with his son.

Page 120 – Ex. 2

- stabbed Colonel Druce
- has only one
- see anyone enter
- you like some
- about detective work
- agree with you
- is really dangerous
- the money instead

Page 121 – Ex. 3

Possible answers:

- Traill could be the murderer because Nox barked at him and then he ran away.
- The tie-pin could be the murder weapon because the police haven't found the actual murder weapon yet, and Traill is a suspect.
- Janet Druce can't be the murderer because she was on the terrace at the time of the murder.

- Dr Valentine's medical bag could contain the murder weapon because doctors always carry sharp instruments with them.
- Dr Valentine could be the murderer because he is going to marry Janet and Janet is going to inherit her father's money now.
- Herbert Druce can't be the murderer because he was walking with Fiennes at the time of the murder.
- Harry Druce can't be the murderer because he was walking with Fiennes at the time of the murder.
- Floyd can't be the murderer because he was working on a ladder in the garden at the time of the murder.

PART THREE

Go back to the text

Page 129 – Ex. 1

Wrong interpretation	Final interpretation
	Harry Druce stabbed the Colonel with a long swordstick from outside the summerhouse.
	He did this so that Fiennes and Herbert would walk further along and he would have time to stab the Colonel.
	It provided a good target for Harry Druce.
	Harry Druce had used his swordstick, which he then threw in the water.
The tie-pin could have been the murder weapon.	He was simply a nervous man.
He returned to the shore at that moment because he sensed that his master had been murdered.	He returned because he couldn't find the walking stick.
	It was in his nature to take risks. So he risked killing his uncle for his money, even if he wasn't sure that he would inherit it.
The dog knew that he had been murdered and that is why he began to howl.	The dog howled because he couldn't find the walking stick.
Nox knew that he was the murderer and Traill ran away because the dog had discovered him.	Nox barked at him because he was a nervous man and dogs don't like nervous people.



Before you read

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Open answer.

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Because witnesses were certain that nobody entered the summerhouse when the Colonel was killed and no murder weapon was found.

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He understood that Harry was a person who liked taking big risks. It was a big risk to murder his uncle

7. **How did Holmes deduce that the murderers travelled by ship?**
- The postmarks on all the letters showed that they were sent from ports.
 - The 'KKK' is an American organisation so they must have come to England on a ship.
 - Oranges, and therefore orange pips, always come to England on boats.
 - The 'KKK' is a naval organisation.
8. **How does Holmes interpret the diary entry: 'Visited Paramore. All Well.'?**
- That Paramore escaped from the 'KKK'.
 - That Paramore was murdered after receiving the five orange pips as a warning.
 - That Paramore decided to join the 'KKK' after receiving the five orange pips as a warning.
 - That Paramore had been sick but now he is better.
9. **How did Holmes find Captain Calhoun?**
- He read old newspapers.
 - He studied samples of mud from Horsham.
 - He went to Dundee.
 - He went to the port of London.
10. **Who or what defeated Holmes in this case?**
- The 'KKK'.
 - Captain Calhoun.
 - The Confederacy.
 - The weather.

Hunted Down

2 Answer the following questions.

- How did Mr Slinkton appear to Mr Sampson when he first saw him?
- What was Mr Slinkton's profession?
- What made Mr Sampson so curious about Mr Slinkton?
- According to Mr Slinkton, why did Mr Meltham leave the insurance profession?
- Why did Mr Slinkton lie about this?
- Who was Mr Beckwith?
- Why did Mr Sampson lie to the readers?
- Who was the 'shadow'?
- Who took Miss Niner away from her uncle?
- Why did Mr Meltham pretend to drink brandy all the time?

The Stir Outside the Café Royal

3 Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and then correct the false ones.

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Miss Van Snoop herself gave the narrator information about the events described in the story. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Miss Van Snoop really wanted the cab to go slowly because she wanted to keep an eye on Mathurin's cab. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The cab driver knew that Miss Van Snoop was American because she was very generous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. The men standing in front of the Café Royal assumed that Miss Van Snoop was American because she was entering the café alone. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The waiter let Miss Van Snoop stay at the table for four people because she was American. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Miss Van Snoop denied that she had taken Mathurin's cigarette case because she wanted the police to take them to the police station. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Miss Van Snoop knew that Mathurin had killed the bank manager in Detroit because she was a detective. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Miss Van Snoop didn't ask the London police for help earlier because she didn't think they would believe her story. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Miss Van Snoop went on to catch many more dangerous criminals. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Oracle of the Dog

4 Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

- What does Father Brown mean when he says he doesn't like it when people spell 'dogs' backwards?**
 - He doesn't like people who can't spell correctly.
 - He doesn't like it when people attribute special powers to dogs.
 - He doesn't like it when people give dogs funny names.
 - He doesn't like it when people give more importance to dogs than to their friends.
- What were the two big mysteries surrounding the murder of Colonel Druce?**
 - Why anyone would kill such a nice old man and how the murderer escaped.
 - Where Colonel Druce was killed and how.
 - How the murder was actually committed and what happened to the murder weapon.
 - Who the murderer was and why he wanted to kill Colonel Druce.

- 3. What did all the witnesses say about the murder?**
- That no one entered the summerhouse at the time of the murder.
 - That it was truly horrible.
 - That nobody came out of the summerhouse before the murder.
 - That Janet Druce entered the summerhouse with a gun.
- 4. Why did Father Brown call Fiennes a fool?**
- Because Fiennes didn't know who the murderer was and Father Brown did.
 - Because Fiennes thought that Traill was the murderer.
 - Because Fiennes thought that Nox knew that Traill was the murderer.
 - Because Fiennes didn't think that Traill was the murderer and Father Brown did.
- 5. Why did Traill visit Colonel Druce on the day of the murder?**
- Because the Colonel wished to change his will.
 - Because Traill wanted to murder him.
 - Because Janet Druce had asked him to come.
 - Because Donald Druce was in trouble.
- 6. Why was Dr Valentine a good suspect?**
- Because Nox growled at him.
 - Because he was going to marry Janet Druce, who was going to inherit all of the Colonel's money.
 - Because he was visiting the Colonel on the day of the murder.
 - Because a doctor knows how to kill people.
- 7. Why did Harry Druce kill himself?**
- Because Father Brown had discovered that he was the murderer.
 - Because he felt guilty about having killed Colonel Druce.
 - Because he discovered that the Colonel had left his money to Janet and not to him.
 - Because he was afraid Nox would bark at him.
- 8. Why did Harry Druce want Colonel Druce's money so desperately?**
- Because he wanted to return to India.
 - Because he wanted to get married.
 - Because he had lost his job and then all his money at Monte Carlo.
 - Because he wanted to gamble at Monte Carlo.

The Five Orange Pips

- 1.**
1. d / 2. a / 3. a / 4. c / 5. b / 6. c / 7. a / 8. b / 9. a / 10. d

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- 2.**
- He appeared to be a polite, well-dressed gentleman of about forty years of age.
 - He was a lawyer.
 - The fact that even though he had a bad first impression of the man – and Mr Sampson always trusted his first impressions – Mr Slinkton seemed genuinely sad about Mr Meltham.
 - Mr Meltham left the profession because he had love problems.
 - Because Mr Meltham left the insurance profession after the woman he loved had been killed, and Mr Slinkton was the one who had killed her.
 - Mr Beckwith was actually Mr Meltham.
 - Because he wanted to keep the story interesting until the end.
 - Mr Meltham, who pretended to be an old man so that he could protect Miss Niner from her uncle.
 - A servant of Mr Sampson's.
 - He knew that Mr Slinkton chose people who were sick in some way as his victims, so that when he poisoned them nobody would suspect it was murder. He would then receive the money from their insurance policy.

The Stir Outside the Café Royal

- 3.**
- T
 - T
 - F. He knew she was American because of her accent.
 - T
 - F. He let her stay because she gave him some money.
 - T
 - F. She knew this because she herself had witnessed the murder of her boyfriend.
 - F. She didn't call them earlier because she wanted to arrest Mathurin herself.
 - F. She resigned from the police department immediately after catching Mathurin.

The Oracle of the Dog

- 4.**
1. b / 2. b / 3. a / 4. c / 5. a / 6. b / 7. c / 8. c