

# Sherlock Holmes



*Fill in the gaps with a modal verb to express  
deduction or possibility*



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were having a cup of tea at five, as they usually did. Then, the doorbell rang. "That \_\_\_\_\_ be Mrs. Brown, I was expecting her this evening", said Sherlock Holmes. "No, it \_\_\_\_\_ be her. She called this morning while you were out to say she would not be able to make it this evening. She also said she \_\_\_\_\_ come tomorrow evening, but she would call again anyway to confirm it", replied Dr. Watson.

"Well, that's very strange, my dear Watson. Mrs. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ have called this morning because I have been with her all the time until we parted for lunch. It \_\_\_\_\_ have been someone else pretending it was her", said Sherlock Holmes. "But why? Do you think something \_\_\_\_\_ have happened to the real Mrs. Brown then?", replied Dr. Watson in a fearful tone.

The doorbell rang again. "Well, my dear Watson, the answer \_\_\_\_\_ be waiting at the door right now. You'd better go and see, but I'm afraid it is not Mrs. Brown, it \_\_\_\_\_ be the person who called this morning. So be careful", said Sherlock Holmes. Dr. Watson hurried towards the door...

