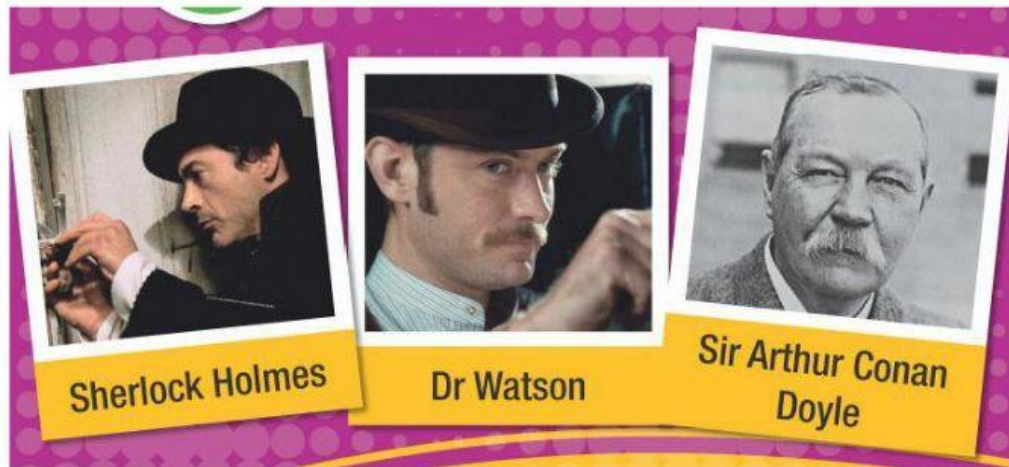


Study Guide: The Adventure of the Red-Headed League by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

1- Match the name with the correct description.



- 1 _____ was a writer from Scotland who wrote the famous Sherlock Holmes crime stories from 1887 to 1927.
- 2 _____ was a fictional detective who used logic and crime scene clues to solve crimes and mysteries.
- 3 _____ was Sherlock Holmes' friend and assistant. He was a doctor and usually didn't usually discover the answer to the mystery, but waited for Holmes to discover it.

2- Read again the story of The Adventure of the Red-Headed League. Which is the correct title for each paragraph?

a The Red-Headed League

b Dr. Watson is surprised, and confused!

c A new mystery

d Holmes investigates

e A crime almost happens

1 One day Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes met a man who owned a store. His name was Jabez Wilson and he had bright red hair. Wilson had a small mystery for Holmes.

2 Wilson had an assistant named Vincent Spaulding. Spaulding liked photography and spent a lot of time alone in the basement of Wilson's store, developing his pictures. One day, about two months ago, Spaulding showed Wilson an advertisement in a newspaper about a league, or group, for men with red hair. Wilson responded to the advertisement and got a job in an office for several hours a day. He made a lot of money and he was very happy. But, one day, his boss disappeared and Wilson was

confused. Was the "red-headed league" a trick? Was it a joke? What was happening?

3 Holmes and Dr. Watson talked to Wilson and they visited Wilson's store. Here is what they heard and did:

- Spaulding was a new employee. Spaulding was working for Wilson for only three months.
- In front of Wilson's store, Holmes hit his walking stick on the sidewalk. He listened carefully.
- They met Spaulding and decided that Spaulding was a very intelligent man.
- Holmes looked at the knees of Spaulding's pants and saw that they were dirty.
- There was a bank on a busy street behind Wilson's store.

4 Two hours later, Holmes told Dr. Watson that a crime was going to happen that night. They went to the basement of the bank behind Wilson's store with a police detective and the bank's manager. They waited quietly in the dark. Finally, they saw a light in the floor. The floor was opening. A man came up through the floor and tried to help another man. Holmes and the police detective caught the first man. He was Vincent Spaulding, whose real name was John Clay, a dangerous criminal.

5 Watson saw and heard the same things as Holmes before the crime, but he didn't learn about the crime! How could Holmes know? What did Holmes learn that day that Dr. Watson missed?

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