

ACTIVITIES

Before Reading

1 Read the back cover of the book, and the introduction on the first page. How much do you know now about the story? Tick one box for each sentence.

	YES	NO
1 Silver Blaze is a racehorse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Sherlock Holmes is the owner of Silver Blaze.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Racehorses make money when they win races.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Silver Blaze's trainer is dead.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Mr Ross found John Straker's body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 John Straker's body was in the stables.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Inspector Gregory knows all the answers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sherlock Holmes goes down to Dartmoor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Some of these things are helpful for finding the answer to the mystery. Can you guess which? Tick nine of the sixteen boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/> a betting book	<input type="checkbox"/> some hair
<input type="checkbox"/> somebody's dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> a horseshoe
<input type="checkbox"/> somebody's breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> a chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> a box of matches	<input type="checkbox"/> a dog
<input type="checkbox"/> a woman's shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> a cat
<input type="checkbox"/> a woman's hat	<input type="checkbox"/> some sheep
<input type="checkbox"/> a man's hat	<input type="checkbox"/> a knife
<input type="checkbox"/> a man's shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> a letter

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While Reading

Read Chapters 1 and 2. How much do we know now about the mystery? Which of these sentences are true, and which are possibly true, but we don't really know yet?

- 1 Someone killed John Straker on Monday night.
- 2 Silver Blaze disappeared the same night.
- 3 Silver Blaze is dead.
- 4 Before Monday, Silver Blaze was the favourite to win the Wessex Cup.
- 5 Ned Hunter did not take Fitzroy Simpson's money.
- 6 John Straker found Fitzroy Simpson in the stables in the middle of the night.
- 7 Fitzroy Simpson put opium in Ned Hunter's curry.
- 8 Edith Baxter put opium in Ned Hunter's curry.
- 9 Ned Hunter slept all night because of the opium.
- 10 Fitzroy Simpson killed John Straker.