

## A case of Identity – Summary Part 1

### Complete the sentences using these words:

overlook - Woman - Details - Life – exciting cases – find - seriously - suggests –

Miss Mary Sutherland - know things

- Holmes says that \_\_\_\_\_ is stranger than anything a person could make up (this is funny because, of course, Holmes's "evidence" that truth is weirder than fiction is a story that the author, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, invented).
  - Holmes says that the fascination of life is all in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Holmes complains that he has no \_\_\_\_\_ on hand. But maybe that's all about to change, because Holmes sees a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street walking back and forth and looking up at his Baker Street apartment window. Is she a potential client?
  - Yes! She suddenly darts across the street and rings Holmes's doorbell. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_ that her case is an "*affaire de coeur*" (affair of the heart in French;), because when women hesitate in front of his door, they generally want advice but are too shy to ask for it – a sign that it's a matter of love.
  - So, the lady comes in, and we find out that her name is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Holmes performs his customary \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Holmes just says, "it is my business to \_\_\_\_\_". He has trained himself to see what others \_\_\_\_\_, and how can he help her?
  - Sutherland wants Holmes to \_\_\_\_\_ the location of one "Mr. Hosmer Angel". Sutherland has heard of Holmes's all-around awesomeness and is pretty mad because her stepfather, Mr. Windibank, isn't taking the disappearance of Mr. Hosmer Angel \_\_\_\_\_. So she's decided to take matters into her own hands by consulting our favorite detective.
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plumber - upset - to France - five years older – engaged - walks - cashier - sell the business - "gasfitters" - Hosmer Angel - has died – wait -

- This stepfather of Sutherland's is only \_\_\_\_\_ than Sutherland herself; her mom has married a guy fifteen years younger than herself now that her first husband \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sutherland's father was a \_\_\_\_\_ who left his successful business to his wife after his death. In comes Mr. Windibank, the second husband, and he immediately convinces Sutherland's mother to \_\_\_\_\_ for a tidy 4,700 pounds. Which is a lot
- Holmes asks who Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is.
- Sutherland tells the following story: one night, she meets Angel at a \_\_\_\_\_ ball, which she attends against the express will of her stepfather.
- However, the stepfather has taken off for a week \_\_\_\_\_, so Sutherland seizes the day and goes to the ball anyway.
- There, she encounters Angel, and they go out for a couple of \_\_\_\_\_ together in the week following the ball.
- When the stepfather comes back, he doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ about the fact that Sutherland has gone to the ball against his wishes. He just laughs and says, in effect, that girls will be girls.
- Even so, Sutherland and Angel are both concerned about the stepfather's negative view of women stepping out with guys outside their family circles.
- Angel says that, since her stepfather is going off to France again for another week, it would be just better for them to \_\_\_\_\_ to start dating again until after the stepfather's departure.
- So Angel is also eager to keep their relationship a secret – even though they've been \_\_\_\_\_ to be married ever since that first post-ball walk together.
- The thing is, though, Sutherland has no idea where Angel works (all she knows is that he's a \_\_\_\_\_ in an office on Leadenhall Street). She says he's too afraid of being teased by his coworkers to receive her letters directly. Sutherland communicates with him by leaving letters at the Leadenhall Street Post Office.