

Reading

Jack the Butcher
..... Manor
New Forest, Hampshire

Dear enemy,

I have decided to leave London and retire to the countryside. I'll spend long, quiet years playing golf and gardening, but before that I want to give you one last chance to capture me. That's why I'm inviting you to spend a couple of days at my manor as of Sunday, June 1st. Will you take up my challenge ? Will you have the guts ? You have failed so many times ! Let me remind you some of your failures.

On November 5th last year I killed Lord Windermere behind the bank of England. What is your alibi for that night ? What were you doing ? I guess you were reading newspapers at your gentlemen's club or playing the violin at home.

On March 17th I kidnapped Miss Penniless just before 10 pm near Charing Cross and strangled her in front of your flat in Baker street ; but you didn't hear anything. Maybe you were smoking your pipe or playing chess with Doctor Watson.

On April 1st I killed 3 barmaids in Whitechapel between 5 am and 7 am and left their bodies inside the Tower of London. What is your alibi for that morning ? Were you doing some chemistry experiments in your laboratory or were you having your early morning walk around Regent's park and Primrose Hill ?

Shall I continue ? I feel so sorry for you. I'm sure you must be obsessed by all these failures ; so don't miss that last chance to catch me and regain a little bit of prestige !
Ha ! Ha ! Ha !

I'm quite sure you will accept my invitation, dear Sherlock, but first you'll have to solve the riddle hidden in this letter and find the name of my manor. That is the first part of the challenge. I'm looking forward to seeing you at my manor.

Best regards from hell !

Jack the Butcher

Vocabulary

Find these words in the text (don't forget the article - the, a - before nouns and - to- before verbs):

la campagne = inviter = rappeler =
silencieux, calme = un échec = échouer =
un journal = deviner = derrière =
étrangler = près de = les échecs (jeu) =
fumer = entre = partir, quitter =
un corps = à l'intérieur = tôt =
des expériences de chimie = une promenade =
autour = sentir, ressentir = désolé =
manquer = dernier = attraper =
résoudre = une devinette = cacher =
trouver = un défi =

Find :

- a) the name of a musical instrument : the
- b) the name given to a girl / a woman who works in a bar : a
- c) the equivalent of « vous n'avez rien entendu » :

Answer the questions :

1. Type of document : The document is a

2. Author's name :

3. True or false ? Justify your choice by quoting from the text.

a) The author wrote to a friend : True / False « »

b) The document is an invitation : True / False « »

c) The author of the document is a criminal : True / False « »

d) Sherlock has never arrested Jack : True / False « »

4. Complete the grid

Victims' names or jobs	Date of death	Place of death	Time of death	Holmes'presumed alibis (write the pictures'numbers)

5. What was he doing ? (write sentences)



He



He



He



He



He.....



He.....

6. Find these elements about Sherlock Holmes :

- a) His address : b) His friend's name ?
- c) a musical instrument he enjoys playing ? The
- d) a school subject he is interested in :
- e) a game he loves playing :

7. Translate into French :

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