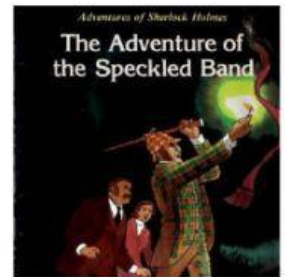


The Speckled Band



1) Are the following statements True or False? Write T or F.

Roylott didn't need the girls' money because he received £750 a year from his dead wife. ____

Helen had to move into her sister's bedroom because there was a problem in her room's wall. ____

There was bell-rope over Julia's bed for calling a servant, but it didn't work. ____

There was an air-vent on the wall between Julia's room and Helen's. ____

Dr Roylott kept a cat in a large metal box in his room. ____

Holmes realized that Helen was in danger. ____

Holmes knew that there was an air-vent between the two rooms because Helen had told him. ____

Julia's bed was fixed to the floor, under the bell-rope. ____

Holmes wanted Helen to spend the night in Julia's room. ____

2) Choose the correct option.

1. What is the purpose of the story? ____

- A. make you afraid of snakes
- B. entertain you
- C. persuade you to buy something
- D. give you nightmares for the rest of your life

2. What animals does Dr. Roylott keep on his property? ____

- A. cats and dogs
- B. a rabbit and an owl
- C. hunting dogs
- D. a baboon and a cheetah

3. Julia and Helen are sisters. ____

- A. True
- B. False

4. What are Sherlock Holmes' chief crime-fighting weapons? ____

- A. pistol and a badge
- B. knowledge and intuition
- C. his trusty dog and a bully club
- D. police car and backup

5. What kind of people does Dr. Roylott let camp outside on the family estate? ____

- A. thieves
- B. gypsies
- C. family members
- D. army troops

6. What was the reward that Dr. Roylott would give to the snake when it came back to the whistle? ____

- A. frog
- B. mouse
- C. chicken
- D. a hug

7. What did Dr. Roylott use the whistle to do? ____

- A. train the swamp adder to look for mice
- B. train the swamp adder to take a break
- C. train the swamp adder to dance
- D. train the swamp adder to call it back to his room

8. What is the murder weapon? ____

- A. poisoned food
- B. an army revolver
- C. an Indian sword
- D. a swamp adder

9. The ventilator in Julia's room ventilated (led to) Helen's room. ____

- A. True
- B. False

10. What is the motive for the murder? ____

- A. money
- B. jealousy
- C. revenge

11. Helen slept in Julia's room the night that Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson solved the mystery.

- ____
- A. True
 - B. False

12. Helen is about to ____

- A. get married
- B. write a mystery novel
- C. move to America

D. take a new job

13. What types of conflict are found in this mystery? Choose ALL that apply. ____

- A. man vs. nature
- B. man vs. man
- C. man vs. himself

14. Where does Sherlock Holmes live? ____

- A. Scotland
- B. London
- C. New York
- D. Australia

15. What does Helen do to signal that her stepfather is asleep and she is going to her own room? ____

- A. place a lantern in the window
- B. call Holmes and Watson
- C. whistle loudly
- D. turn the lights off and on

16. What are some of the clues which help Holmes solve the mystery? ____

- A. a metal cabinet, a chair, a wall ventilator, and a bell rope
- B. a broken mirror, bad luck and papers on the floor
- C. a set of false teeth and a cheetah
- D. a broken window, muddy footprints, and a walking stick

17. Who is the murderer in the story? ____

- A. Dr. Roylott
- B. Sherlock Holmes
- C. Dr. Hilsham
- D. Helen Stoner

18. Chose the statement that shows irony in the mystery. Hint- irony means that it is "funny how it worked out". ____

- A. Dr. Watson was most upset by Helen Stoner's problem, but was not as good as Sherlock Holmes in solving the mystery.
- B. Dr. Roylett worked out a clever plan to ensure himself a comfortable life but then lost his life through that plan.
- C. Helen Stoner loved her sister but was unable to save her.

19. What would happen to the money from Julia and Helen's mother if either of them married? ____

- A. it would go to the gypsies
- B. it would go to Dr. Roylott
- C. Helen and Julia would split the money with Dr. Roylott

20. The bell rope was an actual working bell rope that Julia or Helen could use to call for help. ____

- A. True
- B. False

