

Task 1. Watch and read about “The hound of the Baskervilles”.

A dense, white fog hung over the moor and it was drifting slowly in our direction. Holmes was watching it.

"It's moving towards us, Watson," he said impatiently.

"Is that serious?" I asked.

"Very serious, indeed. It's the one thing that could ruin my plans. Our success and even Sir Henry's life may depend on his coming out of the house before the fog is over the path. In half an hour we won't be able to see our hands in front of us."

"Shall we move to higher ground?"

"Yes, I think it would be best," replied Holmes.

So we moved back until we were about half a mile from the house. Suddenly, the sound of quick steps broke the silence of the moor. Through the fog came Sir Henry. He walked by quite close to us, but he didn't see us. Then, we heard another sound coming from the white bank of fog.

"Look out!" cried Holmes. "It's coming!"

We stared into the fog, uncertain what horror was about to break from the heart of it. Then, a dreadful shape sprung out from the shadows. It was an enormous coal-black hound. Fire burst from its open mouth and its eyes were burning in the darkness. With long bounds the huge creature was leaping down the track, following our friend. Far away on the path we saw Sir Henry looking back, his face white in the moonlight, his hands raised in horror, staring helplessly at the thing which was chasing him.



Task 2. Read the text again and mark the sentences *T* (true), *F* (false) or *DS* (doesn't say).

- 1 Holmes wants Sir Henry to come out before the fog reaches the house.
- 2 Sir Henry knows Holmes' plan.
- 3 Holmes thinks the fog will take 30 minutes to completely surround them.
- 4 Holmes suggests moving to lower ground.
- 5 Watson has seen the hound before.
- 6 Sir Henry is so afraid of the hound that he can't move.