

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.	☐	☐
2 Sherlock Holmes is the owner of Silver Blaze.	☐	☐
3 Racehorses make money when they win races.	☐	☐
4 Silver Blaze's trainer is dead.	☐	☐
5 Mr Ross found John Straker's body.	☐	☐
6 John Straker's body was in the stables.	☐	☐
7 Inspector Gregory knows all the answers.	☐	☐
8 Sherlock Holmes goes down to Dartmoor.	☐	☐

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

☐ a betting book	☐ some hair
☐ somebody's dinner	☐ a horseshoe
☐ somebody's breakfast	☐ a chicken
☐ a box of matches	☐ a dog
☐ a woman's shoes	☐ a cat
☐ a woman's hat	☐ some sheep
☐ a man's hat	☐ a knife
☐ a man's shoes	☐ 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.