

This and That

A Multiple Choice Sherlockian Quiz from Dana Richards

June, 2020

1. What is the longest long story?

A Study in Scarlet

A Sign of Four

The Hound of the Baskervilles

The Valley of Fear

2. What is the shortest short story?

The Veiled Lodger

The Naval Treaty

The Mazarin Stone

The Dying Detective

3. What is Holmes' favorite weapon?

Harpoon

Singlestick

A straight left

Loaded hunting crop

4. What are Holmes' first words to Watson?

You have been in Afghanistan I perceive.

Stamford has told me about you.

How are you?

I have found it!

5. Where are the Reichenbach Falls?

Marengo

Meringue

Merengue

Meiringen

6. How many of the standard (Christ) story abbrs. (eg MUSG) are actually common words?

- 5
- 10
- 15
- 20

7. Which is not a shade of red mentioned in the Red-Headed League?

- Crimson
- Lemon
- Irish Setter
- Liver

8. Which is actually a chapter from the Hound of the Baskervilles?

- Two Broken Threads
- Extract from the Report of Dr. Watson
- Death on the Tor
- Fixing the Nets

9. Who is the tallest man in the Canon?

- Wilhelm Gottsreich Sigismond von Ormstein
- Sherlock Holmes
- Jefferson Hope
- Tonga

10. Why do the Baker Street Irregulars meet in New York City every year?

- It is in more stories than any other American city
- It is the birthplace of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.
- They tried to hold a meeting in Boston but everyone complained
- Christopher Morley rules from the grave

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Answers

1. What is the longest long story?

A Study in Scarlet – a distant third with 43691

A Sign of Four – the shortest with 43428

The Hound of the Baskervilles -- 59419 words

The Valley of Fear – a close second with 58234 words

2. What is the shortest short story?

The Veiled Lodger -- only 4540 words (next is RETI with 5584 words, 23% more)

The Naval Treaty – the longest short story with 12686

The Mazarin Stone – the third shortest with 5725

The Dying Detective – the fourth shortest 5854

3. What is Holmes' favorite weapon?

Harpoon – looks intimidating on the wall

Singlestick – looks good on Elementary

A straight left – looks good against a slogging ruffian

Loaded hunting crop -- "which was his favourite weapon" SIXN

4. What are Holmes' first words to Watson?

You have been in Afghanistan I perceive. – second sentence

Stamford has told me about you. – not said

How are you? -- this is the first sentence

I have found it! – to Stamford

5. Where are the Reichenbach Falls?

Marengo – Napoleon's horse, named after the battle site

Meringue – you like lemon pie?

Merengue – you like to dance?

Meiringen -- be sure to visit the museum while you are there

6. How many of the standard (Christ) story abbrs. (eg MUSG) are actually common words?

5 – buy a dictionary

10 – think bigger

15 -- **bosc, blue, card, five, lady, last, lion, miss, scan, sign, spec, stud, suss, veil, yell**

20 – you can't get to twenty even with the less common words: abbe, Thor and wist

7. Which is not a shade of red mentioned in the Red-Headed League?

Crimson -- who knew? Also no cherry, cerise, scarlet, ruddy, magenta, ...

Lemon – it is mentioned but not ginger

Irish Setter – it is mentioned but not Pomeranian

Liver – it is mentioned but not blood

8. Which is actually a chapter from the Hound of the Baskervilles?

Two Broken Threads – actually Three Broken Threads

Extract from the Report of Dr. Watson – actually the Diary of Dr. Watson

Death on the Tor – Death on the Moor

Fixing the Nets

9. Who is the tallest man in the Canon?

Wilhelm Gottsreich Sigismund von Ormstein -- at least 6' 6"

Sherlock Holmes – “I am six feet high”

Jefferson Hope – “rather over six feet”

Tonga – Really?

10. Why do the Baker Street Irregulars meet in New York City every year?

It is in more stories than any other American city – no but it is true; in five stories

It is the birthplace of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. – born and lived in Cambridge MA

They tried to hold a meeting in Boston but everyone complained – nope

Christopher Morley rules from the grave -- as far as we can tell