

The Speckled Band *and* Other Stories

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- 1 Connect the words on the left with their definitions on the right. Draw lines.

safe	A clock that tells the time using light from the sun.
noose	A thin piece of cloth that a woman wears over her face.
crook	A strong metal box where valuable things are kept.
band	A criminal.
veil	A rope which has one end twisted round and tied in a circle.
sundial	A piece of cloth worn round the head or neck.

THE SPECKLED BAND

- 2 Underline the correct answer.

Why is Helen Stoner afraid of her stepfather?

- a Because he wants to marry her.
- b Because he wants to kill her.
- c Because he is mad.
- d Because he wants to sell her mother's house.

- 3 Underline the correct answer.

How does Helen's stepfather die?

- a He falls off the roof.
- b He is shot.
- c He is bitten by a snake.
- d He hangs himself.

- 4 Underline the correct answer.

What is the 'Speckled Band'?

- a Helen's mother's scarf
- b Helen's stepfather's snake
- c Helen's hair ribbon
- d a small group of musicians playing music together

THE DANCING MEN

- 5 Underline the correct answer.

What is, or are, 'the Dancing Men'?

- a a group of gangsters
- b a painting
- c a secret code
- d a club

- 6 Underline the correct answer.

Which letter of the alphabet appears most often in English words?

- a A
- b E
- c S
- d T

- 7 Underline the correct answer.

Why did Mrs Cubitt come to England?

- a She was in love with Mr Cubitt.
- b She wanted to leave her father's business.
- c She wanted to travel and to have fun.
- d All of the above.

- 8 Underline the correct answer.

Who shoots Mrs Cubitt?

- a Abe Slaney
- b Mr Cubitt
- c she shoots herself
- d a servant

THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE

- 9 Choose the correct words and fill in the blanks.

(1) on (2) red-headed (3) for (4) vacancy
(5) at (6) wishing (7) open

THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE

Another () is () () someone () to become a member of the League. Salary – four pounds a week. All () men, over 21 years old, should come () Monday () 11 a.m. to this address:
Duncan Ross, The Red-Headed League,
7 Pope's Court, Fleet Street, London

- 10 Underline the correct answer.

What crime is going to take place?

- a murder
- b bank robbery
- c jewellery robbery
- d kidnapping

- 11 Underline the correct answer.

How does Holmes know when the crime is going to happen?

- a He sees that the League's office is closed.
- b He sees a truck parked on the corner of the street.
- c He sees John Clay with dirty clothes.
- d Someone tells him in a secret phone call.