

10. If I Were You

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Sherlock Holmes was not very communicative during the long drive and lay back in the cab humming the tunes which he had heard in the afternoon. We rattled through an endless labyrinth of gas-lit streets until we emerged into Farrington Street. "We are close there now," my friend remarked. "This fellow Merryweather is a bank director, and personally interested in the matter. I thought it as well to have Jones with us also. He is not a bad fellow, though an absolute imbecile in his profession. He has one positive virtue. He is as brave as a bulldog and as tenacious as a lobster if he gets his claws upon anyone. Here we are, and they are waiting for us." We had reached the same crowded thoroughfare in which we had found ourselves in the morning. Our cabs were dismissed, and, following the guidance of Mr Merryweather, we passed down a narrow passage and through a side door, which he opened for us. Within there was a small corridor, which ended in a very massive iron gate. This also was opened, and led down a flight of winding stone steps, which terminated at another formidable gate. Mr Merryweather stopped to light a lantern, and then conducted us down a dark, earth-smelling passage, and so, after opening a third door, into a huge vault or cellar, which was piled all round with crates and massive boxes. "You are not very vulnerable from above," Holmes remarked as he held up the lantern and gazed about him.

"Nor from below," said Mr Merryweather, striking his stick upon the flags which lined the floor. "Why, dear me, it sounds quite hollow!" he remarked, looking up in surprise. "I must really ask you to be a little more quiet!" said Holmes severely. "You have already imperilled the whole success of our expedition. Might I beg that you would have the goodness to sit down upon one of those boxes, and not to interfere?" The solemn Mr Merryweather perched himself upon a crate, with a very injured expression upon his face, while Holmes fell upon his knees upon the floor and, with the lantern and a magnifying lens, began to examine minutely the cracks between the stones. A few seconds sufficed to satisfy him, for he sprang to his feet again and put his glass in his pocket.

Source: *The Red-Headed League* Arthur Conan Doyle

A. Complete the following with words from the given passage.

1. Sherlock Holmes hummed the tunes which he had heard in the _____.
2. _____ was a bank director and personally interested in the matter.

3. The small corridor _____ in a very _____ icon gate.
4. Mr Merryweather struck his stick upon the flags which lined the _____.

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Mention one positive quality of Jones.
2. Who opened the side door for Sherlock Holmes and his friends?
3. Who stuck the stick and where?
4. What did Holmes do when he fell upon his knees upon the floor?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Change the following sentences into active voice.

1. This museum was built by Henry Worthing.
2. The music teacher was asked by the Principal to hold special classes.
3. Only four students were selected for the competition.
4. The damaged aircraft was flown by the pilot to safety.

B. Change the following to passive voice.

1. Penny played the piano very badly.
2. The farmer settled all the horses in the stable for the night.
3. The teacher sent me to fetch the book.
4. Why did the security guard stop you at the gate?

C. Change the following compound sentences into complex sentences.

1. Mr Charan Singh was rather frail but he went for a walk every day.
2. I know that is Mary's bag because she was carrying it yesterday.
3. Place the kettle on for tea but Karen usually takes a cold drink.

D. Write the following sentences in indirect speech.

1. The coach shouted, "Take that ball right up to the goal!"
2. Malini exclaimed, "Wow! Benu, you are wearing such an exquisite dress!"
3. Maru grumbled, "I was watching TV for ten minutes only!"
4. "Who could be knocking at the door at this time?" wondered Jemmy.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. Write the plural forms of the following words.

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| 1. Watch | _____ | 2. Volcano | _____ |
| 2. Half | _____ | 4. Ox | _____ |
| 5. Mouse | _____ | 6. Baby | _____ |
| 7. Passer-by | _____ | 8. Son-in-law | _____ |
| 9. Analysis | _____ | 10. Index | _____ |
| 10. Formula | _____ | 12. Radius | _____ |

B. Use the following compound words in sentences of your own.

1. Red-hot: _____
2. Homesick: _____
3. Handmade: _____
4. Homework: _____
5. Notebook: _____

C. Edit the following passage.

to forgive an injury is often considered a weakness he said but it is really a sign of strength i thought about what he had said it was true you are right i said it may even turn a foe into a friend