

Reading - Miss Grimwood's group

Thursday 2nd April 2020

WALT make deductions.

Hope you're all having a good week - Thursday already!

This week, we are reading a book together: **Sherlock Holmes: The Boscombe Valley Mystery.**

If you haven't yet, you need to create a free log in on Oxford Owl so that you can read this free ebook:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Once you (or your parents/carers), have created a free log in, search for books for 9-11 year olds and find the Sherlock Holmes book.

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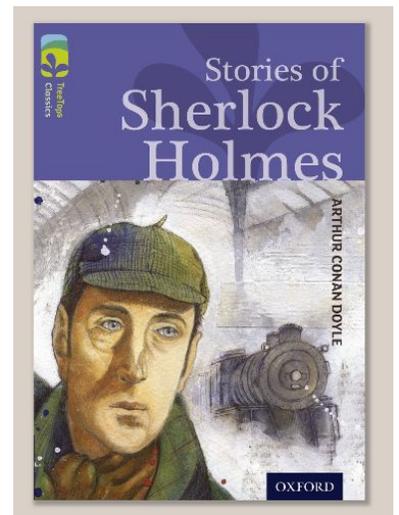
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And then select Sherlock Holmes.

If you haven't already, now read Chapters 1, 2 and 3 as there are spoilers below...



So, in chapter 3, we walked the crime scene. Sherlock Holmes found a jagged stone which he deduced was the murder weapon and decided the murderer was left-handed with a limp.



WALT make deductions.

Before we read Chapter 4, can you think how Sherlock Holmes had made his deductions about the murderer?

Copy the table and complete the first two columns below with your ideas (we'll complete the last column when we've read Chapter 4):

Deduction	Possible reason	Sherlock's reason
Had a limp	The way the footprints were in the ground	
Tall man		
Left-handed		
Thick soled boots		
smokes Indian cigars		
uses a cigar holder		
carries a blunt penknife		

Now we are ready to read on...

Chapter 4: A rat!

As we read, as always make sure you make a note of the meaning of any new vocabulary Use an online dictionary (like <https://www.wordsmyth.net/>) to find the meanings of any such words and then challenge yourself to use them in a sentence. Include:

Tapering fingers

Presume

Colony

Cigar stump

Craggy face

Tinged with blue

Wow! So it wasn't a rat at all, but a place! I didn't see that coming - I'd assumed it meant a rat as in someone who had double-crossed him.

Still, I was right about the footprints being how he knew the murderer had a limp at least...

Now complete the final column with Sherlock's reasons for his deductions.

Challenge:

Do you think it was John Turner?

And if so, why did Holmes say 'It might not come to that' and 'I shall not use it unless it is absolutely needed'?!?

What do you think happened?