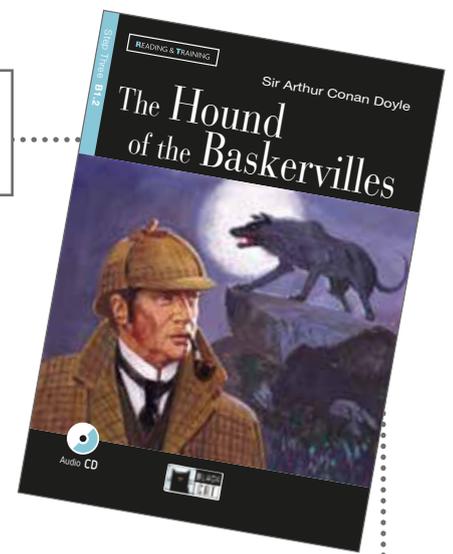


# LISTENING ACTIVITY

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## THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

1  Listen to the audio and complete the text.  
Choose the right word/s from the basket.

- writing • locked • avoid • furious • newspapers
- story • speak • pocket • advice • carefully

Dr Mortimer was a tall man and he was thin. His clothes were smart and he wore glasses. He was a young man but looked older because he was worried.

'I need your **1** ....., Mr Holmes,' he said very seriously.

'Tell us all about it,' Sherlock Holmes said kindly. 'We'll help you if we can.'

Dr Mortimer took some papers out of his **2** .....

'A man named Sir Charles Baskerville died about three months ago,' he began. 'He died in a horrible way, as perhaps you know from the **3** ..... Before he died he gave me these papers. They tell the **4** ..... of the Baskerville family. I want to read them to you, if I may?'

'Please go ahead,' Sherlock Holmes agreed. 'We'll listen **5** .....,'

Dr Mortimer put the papers in front of him and began to read:

I am Hugo Baskerville, and I am **6** ..... this in the year 1742. My father told me about the Hound of the Baskervilles, and I believe what he told me. I want you, my sons, to read these words. Remember that God punishes the wicked<sup>1</sup> and forgives the innocent.

The head of the Baskerville family in 1640 was a cruel and bad man. His name was Sir Hugo Baskerville. Sir Hugo fell in love with the daughter of a farmer. She was frightened of him. She always tried to **7** ..... him. One day Sir Hugo learnt that her family were away from the farm.

He rode to the farm with some friends of his and they carried the girl to Baskerville Hall. They **8** ..... her in a room upstairs. Then they went downstairs and started to eat and drink. The girl was terrified. She jumped out of the window and tried to run back to her home.

Sir Hugo was **9** ..... when he realized her room was empty. He was also very drunk by now. His friends told him to let out the hounds and he agreed to do this. Then he jumped on his horse and rode after the hounds. Some of his friends also decided to ride after him.

After a while Sir Hugo's friends saw an old man in the darkness. They wanted to know where Sir Hugo was. The old man seemed very frightened and could hardly **10** .....

'I saw Sir Hugo on his horse,' the old man told them. 'But I also saw a huge hound. It was running silently beside Sir Hugo.'

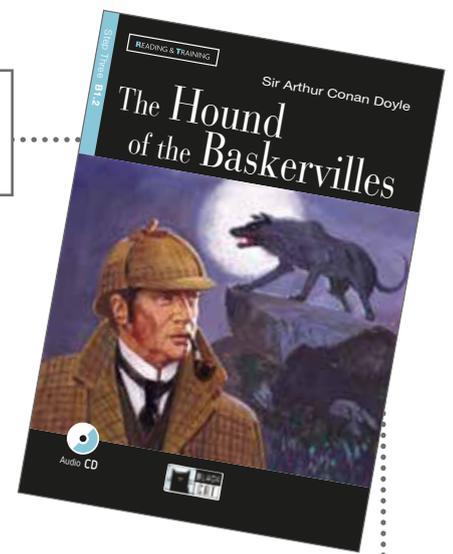
(from Chapter One)

1 **wicked** : evil, very bad



## LISTENING ACTIVITY

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### 2 Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

#### 1. Dr Mortimer went to see Sherlock Holmes

- a. because he was a friend of the family.
- b. because he needed advice.
- c. and brought him the daily newspaper.

#### 2. Sir Charles Baskerville died in a terrible way

- a. about three months ago.
- b. about three weeks ago.
- c. about three years ago.

#### 3. Sir Charles Baskerville gave Dr Mortimer

- a. a diary written by Hugo Baskerville.
- b. papers with the story of the Baskerville family.
- c. an old portrait of Hugo Baskerville.

#### 4. The daughter of the farmer

- a. was frightened of Hugo Baskerville.
- b. was in love with Hugo Baskerville.
- c. went to visit Hugo Baskerville when her family were away from the farm.

#### 5. Hugo Baskerville's friends decided to ride after him

- a. and met him in the forest.
- b. but they got lost in the darkness.
- c. and stopped to talk to an old man.

