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LISTENING ACTIVITY 1/4



SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES

PART 1

1. Listen to the audio and complete the text.
Choose the word/words from the basket below.

- lose • excited • eight • thin • surprised • angry
- questions • possibly • decided • mark

'I went home to Saxe-Coburg Square and told Spaulding. He was **1** and did not know what to say. So I **2** to come to you, Mr Holmes, because I don't want to **3** four pounds a week!' 'This is **4** a very serious case,' said Holmes. 'Of course it's a serious case. I'm losing four pounds a week!' 'You can't be too **5**, Mr Wilson, the League paid you thirty-two pounds for **6** weeks' work. And you learnt many things about the letter "A" in the encyclopaedia. Now I'd like to ask you some **7** When did Vincent Spaulding start working for you?' 'About three months ago.' 'What is he like?' 'He's small but not **8**, and he moves quickly. He's about thirty years old and has a white **9** just above his eyes.' Holmes was suddenly **10**

(From Chapter Two, The Red-headed League)

QUICK QUIZ!

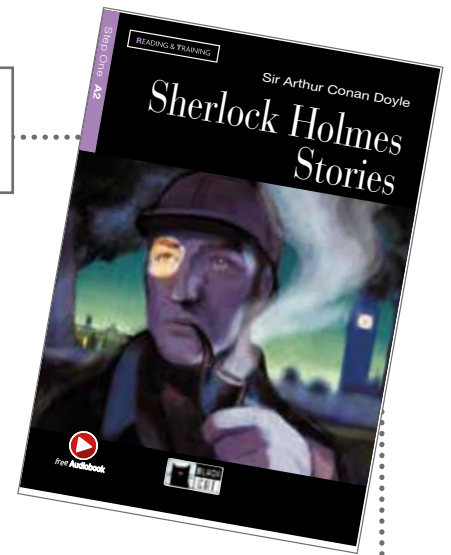
2. Complete the table with the correct verb tense.

INFINITIVE	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
1. lose	_____	_____
2. go	_____	_____
3. tell	_____	_____
4. know	_____	_____
5. do	_____	_____



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LISTENING ACTIVITY 2/4



PART 2

 Listen to the audio from *The Speckled Band* and then do the activities below.

Sherlock Holmes's new client is a woman dressed in black clothes and she is speaking to him.

3. Choose the correct answer—a, b or c.

- The woman was shaking**
 - because she was very ill.
 - because she was cold.
 - because she was frightened.
- The woman came to London**
 - by train.
 - by horse.
 - on foot.
- The woman left her home**
 - at six o'clock.
 - the day before.
 - at seven o'clock.
- Sherlock Holmes once helped**
 - her sister.
 - her friend.
 - her father.

QUICK QUIZ!

4. Complete the table with the correct form of the adjective.

NOUN	ADJECTIVE
1. confusion
2. mystery
3. poverty
4. anger
5. illness

