*Dear Dr. Watson:*

*How are things at Baker Street? It must be quite peaceful, what with Holmes on holiday. I don’t know how you stand his rubbish violin playing all day.*

*Anyway, down to business. An urgent matter has come up. We need to make some inferences based on sparse data. Unfortunately, Holmes usually does this for us. Do you know of any other way to make such judgments?*

*If so, please come at your earliest convenience. The address is 4 Whitehall Place, at the corner of Scotland Yard.*

*With my deepest gratitude,*

*Lestrade*