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“The Adventure of the Copper Beeches”

1. What does the letter from Violet Hunter ask of Holmes?

2. Describe the gentleman with Miss Stoper. How does he react when he sees Miss Hunter?

3. What odd requests does the gentleman say he might make of his new governess? What is her reply?

5. What offer does the letter Miss Hunter receives make? What are the conditions?

6. How does Miss Hunter see out the window while she is sitting in the chair? What does she see?

7. What odd thing does Miss Hunter find locked in her drawer? Where do you think it came from?

8. What is Holmes' explanation for the hiring of Miss Hunter?

9. From the moment Miss Hunter arrives at the home called the Copper Beeches, the mood is eerie, full of suspense. What details make it so?

10. Now that you know the end of the story, it is easy to see why Mr. Rucastle wanted Miss Hunter to work for him. List all clues that should have told you what his real purpose was.

11. Do you feel at all sorry for Mr. Rucastle at the end of the story, or do you feel that he deserves his fate? Explain.

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Vocabulary for “The Adventure of the Copper Beeches”

Match the word with the correct meaning.

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| 1. enterprise (n) | _____ a barrier, often to block a road or enemy |
| 2. degenerate (v) | _____ guess based on available information |
| 3. brisk (adj) | _____ active, lively, stimulating, quick |
| 4. luxuriant (adj) | _____ a project or plan; a venture |
| 5. exert (v) | _____ to eat up or use up; to devour |
| 6. conjecture (n) | _____ having to do with the matter at hand; |
| 7. relevant (adj) | _____ to stick to something; to persist |
| 8. uncouth (adj) | _____ very abundant; produce a large amount |
| 9. consume (v) | _____ to put forth, as in strength or energy |
| 10. impertinent (adj) | _____ to deteriorate in body or in morals |
| 11. loiter (v) | _____ not refined; rude; awkward |
| 12. eerie (adj) | _____ strange, spooky, weird; causing fear |
| 13. rapt (adj) | _____ to linger; to hang around a place |
| 14. barricade (n) | _____ totally absorbed in something |
| 15. persevere (v) | _____ rude, especially to superiors; insolent |

Part II. Use the words listed in Part I to fill in the following blanks. Choose the best word for each blank.

1. Although publishing our own newspaper at first seemed like an impossible _____, we discovered the work was far easier and more interesting than we thought it would be.
2. The governess in the story of the copper beeches has _____ hair, very long and thick.

Underline the prepositions in each sentence and circle their objects.

1. The puppies wandered around the fenced yard until their owner arrived.
2. Without a care in the world, Alex is relaxing, waiting for the game to begin.
3. Dean thinks that he is smarter than everyone in the class.
4. Will you put these cookies on the tray?
5. His doctor read through his chart and looked down his throat.
6. His idea will not work after sunrise.
7. She peered slowly around the doorway before crossing the threshold.
8. The champion will compete against other dogs from the club.
9. The increase in thefts this year should concern each of us.
10. At a minimum, you will spend three hours on each assignment.
11. During the debates, Alfred was feeding his turtle in the yard.
12. Many cannot decide whom to support for president.
13. Wesley hopes to be named one of the best skaters on the tour.
14. Because of the decision presented by the jury, we will all be going to jail.
15. Put the dog inside the house and let's leave.
16. Before the concert, Reggie will be drinking coffee at the cafe.
17. If we go below the house and hide behind the furnace, maybe we will be unharmed.
18. Last week, Leslie climbed into a volcano; this week she is sleeping inside a cave.
19. Since Tuesday, New Yorkers have been cheering for their teams to win.
20. Harold rested upon the mountaintop and considered a life without hassles.

Circle the words in brackets to fill the gap.

- 1 Do you payment by check? (accept / except)
- 2 Everybody turned up at Fiona's party her ex-boyfriend. (accept / except)
- 3 What did the high altitude have on you? (affect / effect)
- 4 Did the high altitude you when you were in Quito? (affect / effect)
- 5 She gave me some excellent about my girlfriend. (advice / advise)
- 6 I you not to get involved in Sandra and Mike's problems. (advice / advise)
- 7 We need to find something to the curtains. (complement / compliment)
- 8 She got annoyed with me because I didn't her on her new hair style.

(complement / compliment)

9 Don't tell anyone about my promotion. I want to be as about it as possible.
(discreet / discrete)

10 Catalan and Valencian are not languages. (discreet / discrete)

11 The weather forecast says that rain is (eminent / imminent)

12 Professor Pechora is very among brain surgeons. (eminent / imminent)

13 I wanted to see the about Manet in the Prado gallery in Madrid.
(exhibition / expedition)

14 A recent Polish to the Antarctic has been collecting data about global warming. (exhibition / expedition)

15 The South Downs, a range of hills running across Sussex, are not very (high / tall)

16 Tom Cruise is not He's short. (high / tall)

17 This is an device for opening bottles. (ingenious / ingenuous)

18 Your argument is Just tell me why you are in favour of a military solution.
(irrelevant / irreverent)

19 If you want to be a champion, you have to everyday. (practice / practise)

20 Learning to dance the salsa is a question of going to classes and lots of
(practice / practise)

Misused Words

Circle the correct word.

1. The children are _____ for bed.

A) all ready B) already

2. The troops were _____, so the general made his speech.

A) altogether B) all together

3. The average is 70 points per game. She bowls ____.

A) bad B) badly.

4. He's qualified for the job. _____, he is my son.

A) Besides B) Beside

5. The mean lies _____ the two extremes.

A) between B) among

6. Trespassing was once a _____ crime.
A) capital B) capitol
7. The baby doesn't like wash _____.
A) clothes B) cloths.
8. It's easy to compare school _____ work.
A) to B) with
9. The Mob is honest? That's a(n) _____.
A) illusion B) delusion
10. When Genevieve has her blood drawn, she automatically _____.
A) Faints B) feints
11. We could travel no _____ since we were tired.
A) further B) farther
12. We can _____ his dissatisfaction from his refusal.
A) imply B) infer
13. I wanted to _____ down because I was so tired.
A) lie B) lay
14. In church, a whisper is _____.
A) noticeable. B) notable
15. A toy was the _____ of the painting.
A) subject B) object
16. The pig _____ to jump off the roof.
A) proceeded B) preceded
17. Divers will _____ the sunken ship.
A) rise B) raise
18. For turning in the wallet, I was given a \$50 _____.
A) award. B) reward.
19. " _____!" yelled the trainer at the frog.
A) Set B) Sit
20. Jim is the person _____ dog ran away.
A) whose B) who's

This file is what will be due next week, print and complete. No need to hand in the story, which you can print out, read online, or if you have Sherlock Holmes' books, read the story there. Review all vocabulary from Adrian Mole: spelling test next week.

***The next book: Jules Verne: Around the World in Eighty Days
You will need it in one week. It's online for free.***