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Welcome

Sherlock Bones and Dr Jane Catson are world-famous for solving crimes. Each case is written down by Catson, so you can read all about their adventures.



Sherlock Bones

Sherlock Bones is the greatest detective the world has ever known. He never runs away from a puzzle, and always cracks his cases.



Dr Jane Catson

Dr Jane Catson is Sherlock Bones' crime-fighting partner. She's always ready to pounce into action when faced with a sneaky criminal.

Are you ready to help Bones and Catson solve their trickiest case yet? Throughout the story, you will find puzzles where you can put your detective skills to the test. If you get stuck, you can find all the answers at the back of the book, starting on page 169. You can also just enjoy reading the adventure and come back to the puzzles later if you want to. Good luck!



Chapter One



"I need a case that will challenge me," said Sherlock Bones. "Something I can really puzzle over."

My friend was slouching back in his chair with his head propped on his paws, surrounded by chewed rubber toys and old packets of dog biscuits. Bones is unstoppable when he's solving a crime. He darts around with his black nose twitching, restlessly searching for clues. But when his skills aren't needed, he sits around for days on end, gloomy and hardly moving at all.

"I'm sure something will come along," I said.

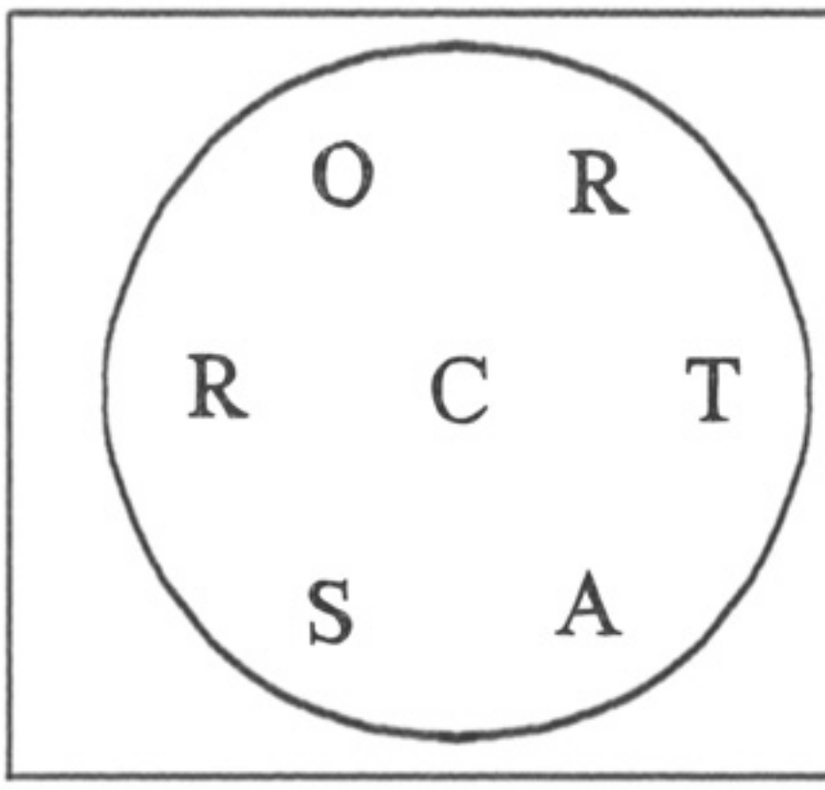
I was trying to sound positive, but I had to admit that things had been very quiet recently. Everyone knows that if you have a tricky problem, you come to Sherlock Bones and Dr Catson's detective agency. But we'd had no visitors for almost a week.

I glanced through my newspaper, *The Morning Terrier*, to see if any crimes had been reported. The first few pages were taken up with pictures of royal dogs and celebrity foxes, but I found something promising further in.

Can you work out which story has caught Catson's attention? The letters in the word finder puzzle below can be rearranged to spell a word that will give you a clue.

PUZZLE CORNER
TEATIME TEASERS

WORD FINDER



ROYAL REPORT
With our royal correspondent, Ashley Sloper



The royal slippers, which have been in the family since the days of King Charles the Spaniel, had been placed at the end of Her Majesty's bed by her loyal butler, Jenkins. Prince Rex made off with the left one yesterday afternoon and set about chomping on it.

Word from the palace is that one particular pup has been a bad, bad boy. That's right, young Prince Rex, the grandson of the Queen, was caught gnawing on a very precious item of footwear.

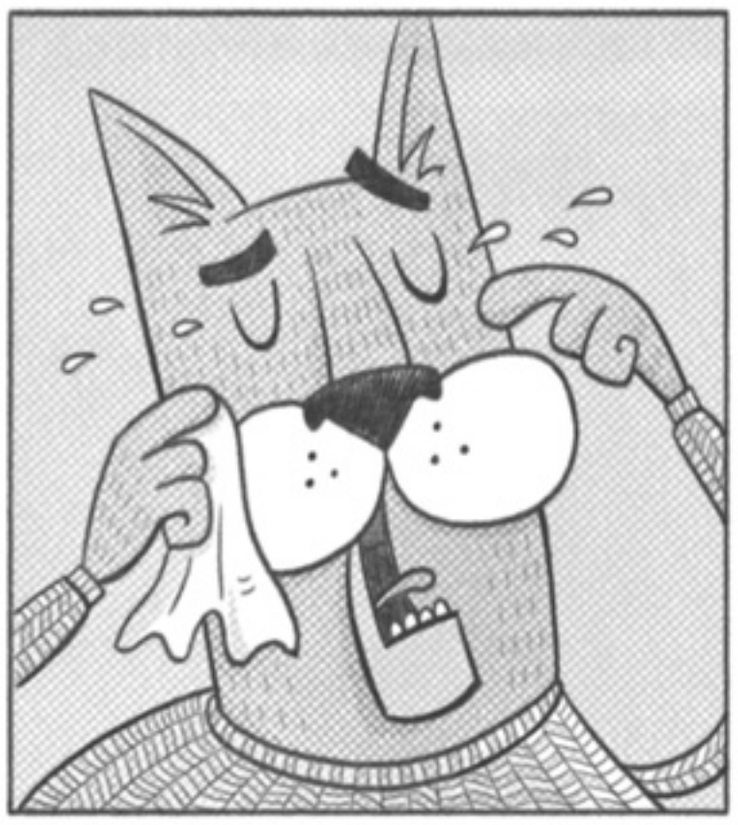
The slipper in question is said to be beyond repair, and our sources tell us that the young prince was sent to his basket with no dinner.

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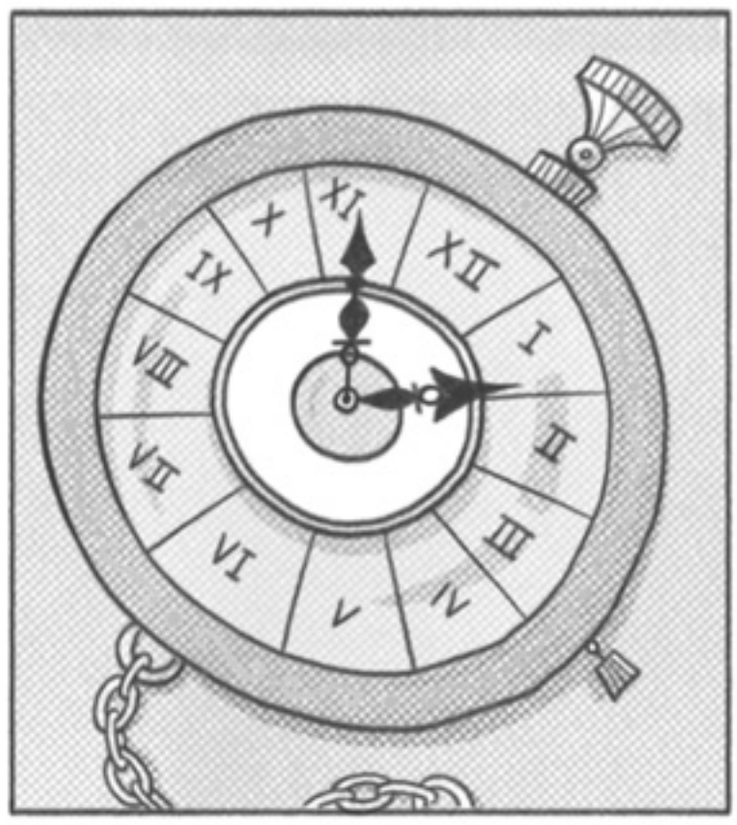
A dog from Kennel Heights has had a family heirloom stolen. Butch Rover, a carpenter who specializes in houses for large dogs, claims his pocket watch was taken on Wednesday night.

"It's been in my family for generations," said the dog. "I feel lost without it."

When asked if he'd glimpsed the thief, Butch broke down in tears and refused to speak. After his sobbing had ceased, the dog claimed the experience was so terrifying he didn't want to think about it.



Butch Rover – carpenter and victim of theft



Pocket watch and family heirloom stolen

The usually quiet area of Kennel Heights has suffered a wave of crime in the last few weeks. A wedding ring, two silver brooches and a gold medal have all been reported missing.

"We have the situation under control," commented Inspector Bloodhound. "Rest assured, we have our finest young officers working on it."

Report by Ginger Pawson

WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly cloudy	Sunny	Showers/ Chance of storm
High 75 Low 54	High 82 Low 70	High 40 Low 28

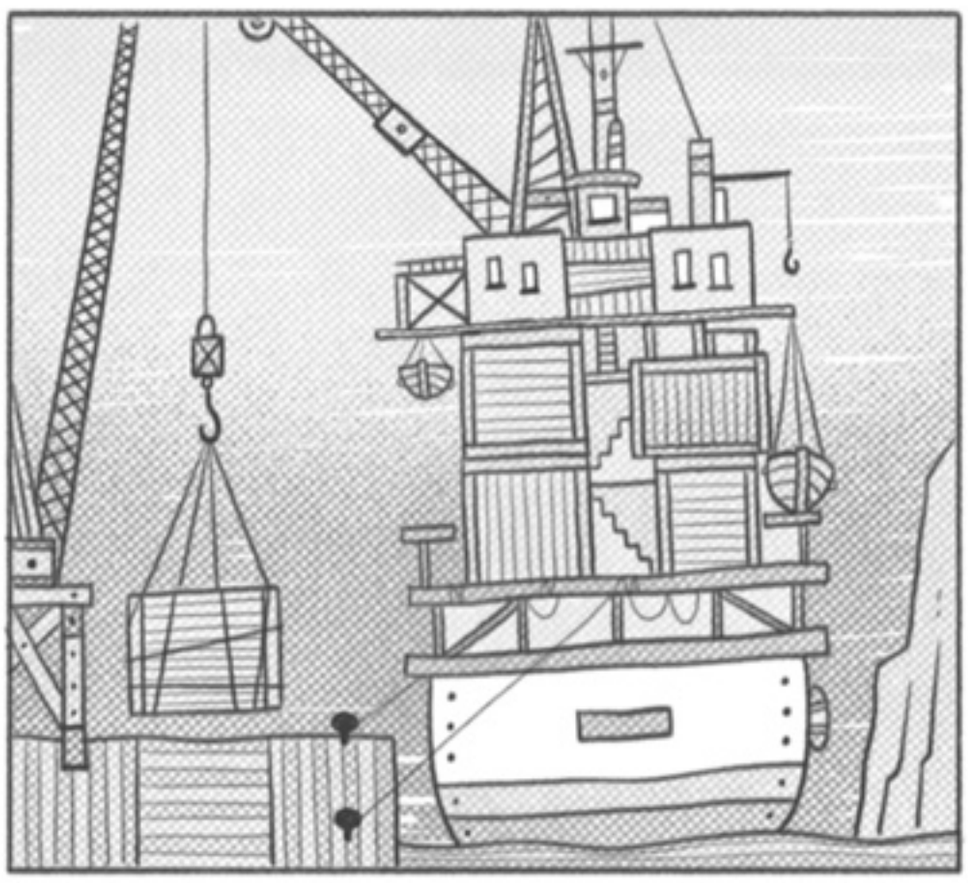
It will be a fine, clear morning, so expect disruption on bridges as otters line up to dive into the river.

The weather will turn cooler in the afternoon, and by evening, a fog will sweep in, so take extra care if you're venturing out.

Tomorrow will bring more hot weather, so it is recommended that you keep your windows open at night.

MYSTERY AT THE DOCKS

A large shipment of carrots has gone missing from the docks. They were housed in a Swedish container ship, waiting for inspection by officials.



This is the latest in a long line of carrot thefts that have plagued the city in the last few weeks. Could they be related to the 'Carrot Tax', an extra charge on carrots introduced by the government last year? Not according to minister Rocky Walker.

"I doubt this has anything to do with the new tax," said Walker. "Rabbits understand that they must contribute just like everyone else. I pay tax on my squeaky toys and collars, so why shouldn't they pay it on their carrots? Now if you'll excuse me, I have a stick to fetch."

But the tax remains deeply unpopular with rabbits on the street. Our poll last week revealed that as many as 50% of them would consider buying illegal carrots to avoid it.

LOCAL MOLE HAS RECORD-BREAKING COLLECTION

It's official – Mr A. F. Gibson has the largest collection of royal souvenirs in the world. Inspectors from the World Record Association have visited his shop in Kitten Mews and confirmed that his selection of memorabilia is bigger than any they've ever seen.

"I've always suspected I had the best collection of royal gifts," said Gibson. "And to have it confirmed is just wonderful."

To celebrate the record, Mr Gibson is offering 20% off royal toilet-roll holders to anyone who brings a copy of this article to his shop today.

"I'll tell you what," he said. "Buy three dog towels at the same time, and I'll make it 25%".



MYSTERIOUS RAT SPOTTED