

REVIEW



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1 According to Watson's description, Mary Morstan:

- a is small and dainty.
- b is dressed quite simply.
- c has beautiful brown hair.
- d wears a feather in her hat.

(Circle all that apply.)

2 “

In an experience of women which extends over many nations and three separate continents, I have never looked upon a face which gave a clearer promise of a refined and sensitive nature.

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Why has Watson included this information about himself? Give two reasons.

- 3 Why has Mary chosen to come to Holmes?
- 4 What do Mrs Forrester's comments show us about Holmes?
- 5 Holmes has 'clear-cut, hawklike features'. Why has Conan Doyle chosen to compare Holmes to a hawk?

For questions 6–10, complete the summary of Mary's history.

- 6 Mary's mother _____ when she was young.
- 7 Mary's father sent her to _____ to be cared for while he remained an officer in an _____ regiment of the army.
- 8 When Mary was _____, her father took _____ months' leave and returned to _____.
- 9 Mary's father telegraphed her from _____ and invited her to come to see him. When she arrived, he was _____. He had not been seen since the _____ morning.
- 10 After waiting for _____ day, Mary contacted _____ and advertised in the _____ to try to find him.
- 11 Mary ends her account with a sob. What does Holmes do next?
- 12 What does this show about him?
- 13 Why does Mary put her own address in *The Times* newspaper?
- 14 What is in the box?
- 15 Why has Mary come to see Holmes today?
- 16 In what ways is the letter typical of a detective novel device?
- 17 Although Watson finds Mary very attractive, he tries not to think about her. Why?
- 18 'A client is to me a mere unit.' How does Holmes' reaction differ from Watson's?
- 19 Conan Doyle has chosen to show Mary walking 'briskly' down the street. What does this small detail show about her character?
- 20 At the end of the chapter, Watson thinks 'She was a unit, a factor – nothing more.' Why has Conan Doyle chosen to have Watson echo Holmes' words?