

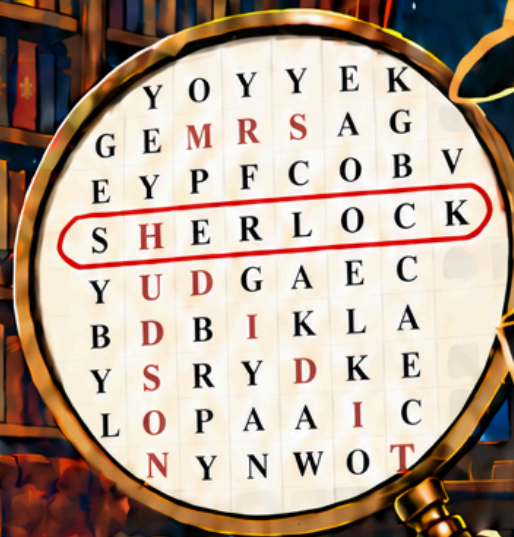
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PUZZLE

SHERLOCK HOLMES

WHO DID IT?

The Cryptic Casebook

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Cryptic & Easy Clue Mystery Word Search
featuring Sherlock Holmes & Dr Watson

— WARREN CROSS —

The Case of the Missing Folio

A rare folio has vanished from Holmes's study at 221B Baker Street, and Watson is quite sure he knows who took it. **Start by reading the full story on the back page.** Then solve the case.

How to solve the case

1. **Solve the clues.** Use the cryptic clue for a challenge, or the easy clue for a relaxing cup of tea. Each answer has its letter count.
2. **Find the ten answers** in the grid on the next page. They run in any direction: across, down, diagonally, even backwards.
3. **Read the leftover letters** from left to right, top to bottom. They spell a message.
4. **Follow the message** to name the culprit.

The clues

	Cryptic clue	Easy clue
1	Detective in homes welcoming learner (6) _____	Famous detective who lived at 221B Baker Street (6)
2	Mastermind: moment, Rhode Island, skill, unknown (8) _____	Sherlock Holmes's criminal arch-enemy (8)
3	Bread-maker from backer losing first of cash (5) _____	The street named after this trade was Holmes's home (5)
4	Officer: cop and insert in disorder (9) _____	Police officer who investigates crimes (9)
5	Defence from a Liberal and one (5) _____	Evidence that a suspect was elsewhere (5)
6	Investigation: fashionable pursuit (7) _____	Official investigation into a death (7)
7	Lamp from rental with north rearranged (7) _____	Portable light used before electric lighting (7)
8	Flue from my niche rebuilt (7) _____	Structure that carries smoke above a roof (7)
9	Vehicle: motor, right, one, era (8) _____	Horse-drawn vehicle used in Victorian London (8)
10	Queen: winner, one and a (8) _____	Queen who ruled Britain during Holmes's era (8)

Search the grid

I	Y	T	H	N	R	E	T	N	A	L
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U	A	S	N	O	T	H	A	R	G	W
E	I	H	O	W	I	I	E	A	A	S
S	R	T	S	M	R	K	I	O	E	N
T	O	T	N	O	A	R	H	M	I	N
K	M	E	T	B	R	S	L	T	H	E
A	Y	C	N	A	S	O	W	E	R	I
S	I	I	C	N	H	P	L	A	I	N
V	S	I	G	H	I	B	I	L	A	T

Write the leftover letters here, in order:

A diagram showing a 3x10 grid of squares. The top row has 10 squares. The middle row has 6 squares, starting from the second column. The bottom row has 5 squares, starting from the third column. This represents the number 10 in base 3.

Who took the folio?

Stuck? “You see, but you do not observe.” – Sherlock Holmes. Answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Case of the Missing Folio

It was a foggy November evening at 221B Baker Street. The lamps were lit, a fire crackled in the chimney, and Sherlock Holmes was in a very bad mood.

"It has gone, Watson. The folio. A rare first printing, worth more than this whole house. It was on that shelf this morning. Now there is a gap."

Watson leapt to his feet. "Moriarty!"

"You say that every time I lose my slippers."

"But look, Holmes!" Watson pointed at the old carved sign above the bookcase. "His very name, hanging in your own study!"

"I bought that sign at auction, Watson, because it amused me."

Watson was not to be put off. "Inspector Lestrade was alone in here at noon."

"Lestrade has an alibi. He was looking for biscuits. He found three."

"The carriage driver who brought your parcel?"

"Never came past the hall."

"Then the chimney sweep!"

"Has not been here since the old Queen's jubilee, as anyone can see from the soot."

At that moment Mrs Hudson, the landlady, came in with the tea, tutting about the dust. "Papers on every chair, Mr Holmes. If things were only put away where they belong, nobody would ever lose anything." She straightened a row of books with a firm hand, collected yesterday's cups, and went out again.

Watson lowered his voice. "Holmes, this calls for Scotland Yard. An inquest! A lantern search of every alley in London!"

Holmes lit his pipe and gazed at the bookcase for a long time. "No need, Watson. The answer has been right in front of us all along. You have seen it. You simply have not observed it."

Can you see what Holmes has seen?

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