

Before Reading

- 1 Dr Mortimer tells Sherlock Holmes the story or legend of the Hound of the Baskervilles. Read and choose the correct words below.

The Hound of the Baskervilles is a very **big** **small** dog that haunts the Baskerville family. Many years ago Sir Hugo Baskerville falls in love with a girl. She **wants** **does not want** to marry him. But Sir Hugo is very **kind** **cruel** and he **tries** **doesn't try** to take her to Baskerville Hall.

The girl escapes and Sir Hugo is very **angry** **happy**. He follows her across the moor but a very big **dog** **horse** jumps on him and **kills** **licks** him.

After that **many** **no** members of the Baskerville family die of sudden and strange deaths.

- 2 Listen and check.

- 3 Listen to these characters from the story. Number them and then draw lines to connect the people with the words they say.



- 1 detective
- 2 doctor
- 3 doesn't believe in the hound
- 4 heir



- 5 is the last of the Baskervilles
- 6 loves collecting butterflies
- 7 Merripit House
- 8 often helps Holmes



4 Listen again and write the names below.

A I collect butterflies.

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B I'm the last of the Baskervilles.

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C I'm Sherlock Holmes's friend.

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D I think the Hound of the Baskervilles is a fairy story.

5 Clues help a detective to solve a crime. Match the pictures of some important clues from the story with the words.



1 footprints of a giant hound

3 one boot is missing

2 warning letter

4 portrait

6 Complete the following sentences with one of the phrases above.

- a) There are on the body of Sir Charles Baskerville
- b) In London, Sir Henry Baskerville receives a
- c) Outside his room Sir Henry notices that
- d) Holmes tells Watson that the of Hugo Baskerville is an important clue.

SIR HENRY BASKERVILLE

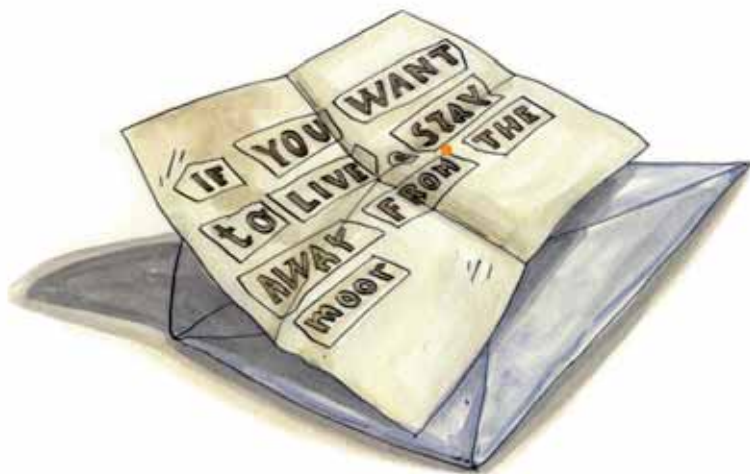
7 The next morning, Holmes plays his violin as we wait for Dr Mortimer to come back with Sir Henry. Sir Henry is a small man. He is about thirty years old, with dark eyes, and a brown tweed suit.

"This is Sir Henry Baskerville," says Dr Mortimer.

"Pleased to meet you, Sir Henry," replies Holmes. "How are you?"

"Well, Mr Holmes, I am a bit puzzled. Look at this strange letter. It arrived at my hotel this morning."

He takes out the letter. There is just one sentence.



Glossary

- **arrived:** (past simple) arrive
- **puzzled:** confused
- **stay away from:** don't go to
- **suit:** clothes, usually jacket and trousers
- **tweed:** thick heavy wool


THE LETTER

The letter is a threat •.

Can you think of other threats?

When do people use threats?

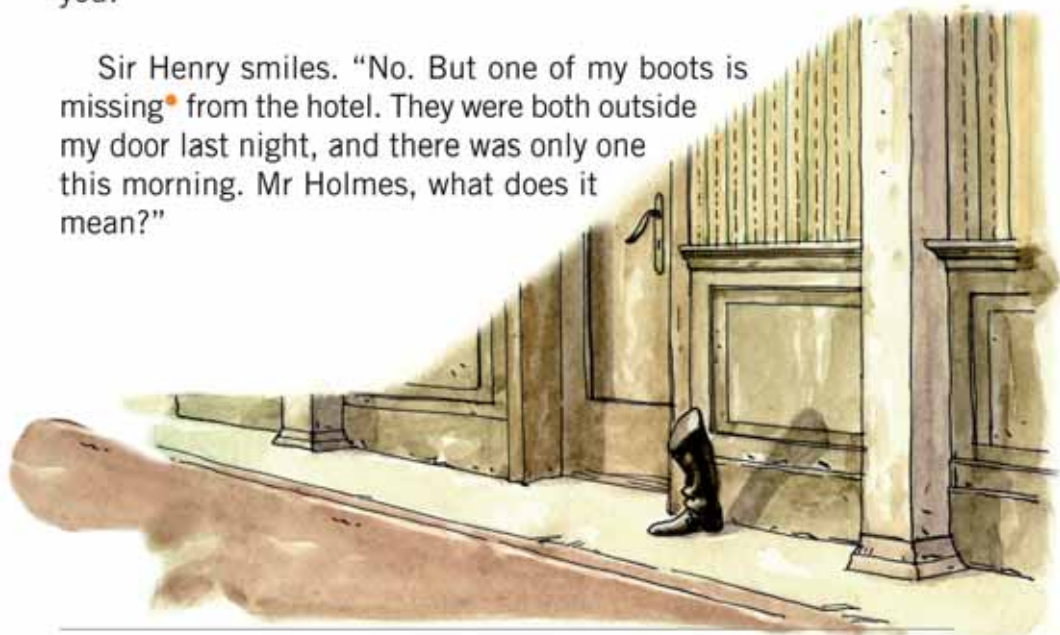
Are they a good or bad thing?

 Discuss with a partner.

“Can tell me, Mr Holmes, what does this mean?” asks Sir Henry Baskerville.

Holmes looks at the letter. “Hmmm. These words are from a newspaper. Sir Henry, is anyone following or watching you?”

Sir Henry smiles. “No. But one of my boots is missing • from the hotel. They were both outside my door last night, and there was only one this morning. Mr Holmes, what does it mean?”



• **missing:** it is not there

• **threat:** that says it wants to hurt someone