

# Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of Boscombe Pool

## Book key

- 1 a guilty  
b lips  
c servant  
d wound
- 2 a Dr Watson  
b Charles McCarthy  
c Patience Moran  
d James McCarthy  
e Arthur Conan Doyle
- 3 Open answers
- 4 a ? b ✓ c ✓ d ? e ✓ f ✓
- 5 a following his father with a gun.  
b lift his arm.  
c wounds made by something thick and heavy.  
d someone called 'Cooee!'  
e he ran back to the pool.
- 6–10 Open answers
- 11 a X b ✓ c ✓ d ✓ e X f X g ✓ h X
- 12–15 Open answers
- 16 a f b i c g d h e j
- 17 1 c 2 e 3 b 4 f 5 a 6 d 7 h 8 g
- 18 a Holmes says this to Lestrade. Lestrade is sure that James killed his father but Holmes disagrees.  
b Lestrade says this to Holmes. Holmes is thinking about the strange friendship between McCarthy and Turner. Lestrade thinks this is not important.  
c Holmes says this to Lestrade because he can see Lestrade's footmarks everywhere.  
d Holmes says this to Watson and Lestrade and to himself. He is explaining the meaning of the footmarks.  
e Holmes says this to Watson and Lestrade because he is going to visit Mr Moran.
- 19–20 Open answers
- 21 a left  
b bad  
c coat  
d cigars  
e pocket-knife
- 22 a Australians  
b last  
c footmarks  
d left  
e cut

23–26 Open answers

- 27 a Yes  
b No  
c No  
d Yes  
e Yes  
f Yes  
g No  
h No

28–39 Open answers

## Discussion activities key

- 1–3 Open answers
- 4 Suggested answers:  
On the train, Holmes says James was following his father.  
James says he was not following his father.
- 5 Open answers
- 6 The important thing is: He was in Victoria, Australia.
- 7–9 Open answers
- 10 Possible answers:
- A cigar end
  - He knows that the murderer killed McCarthy with this stone.
- 11 Possible answers:
- He found ash from the Indian cigar.
  - He found a cigar end.
  - He found a lot of footmarks.
  - He found a stone (the murder weapon).
  - I think he knows the murderer now.
  - Perhaps he is writing a letter to John Turner.
- 12–15 Open answers
- 16 Possible answers:
- The murderer dropped his coat only fifteen yards away from the body.
  - Holmes could tell which footmarks belong to which person.
- 17 Possible answers:
- I knew it when Lestrade said he was ill.
  - I knew it when Holmes was talking about Ballarat.

18–20 Open answers

## Activity worksheets key

- 1 a 2  
b 3  
c 1

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- 2 a Boscombe  
b Australia  
c eighteen  
d about six  
e Boscombe  
f Hatherley  
g John Turner  
h James  
i eighteen  
j two  
k Australia  
l Monday, 3 June  
m three o'clock  
n Boscombe Pool  
o James  
p gun  
q gun
- 3 a 5 b 3 c 6 d 4 e 2 f l
- 4 a We shall see where that path takes us.  
b It is all quite clear and it becomes clearer with every new fact.  
c She was one of the prettiest girls that I have ever seen in my life.  
d Clearly the murderer hit him from behind.
- 5 a Because he is already married.  
b To see the bar woman who is his wife.  
c Because his wife has written to say that she and James are not really married.  
d Because McCarthy thought his son was away from home, and did not know when he was coming back.  
e Because the Turners are rich and the McCarthys seem quite poor.
- 6 a W b H c L d H e L
- 7 a It is a special call which Australians use.  
b It is part of the name Ballarat, a mining town in Australia.
- 8 a 2 b 4 c l d 3
- 9 a 3 b 5 c 6 d l e 4 f 2 g l2 h 10  
i 9 j 7 k ll l 8
- 10 a 4 b 3 c 5 d 2 e l
- 11 a a hundred  
b one hundred and fifty  
c fifteen
- 12 a James's father called to him before he saw him. James's father told James something about a rat before he dies.  
b McCarthy called, 'Cooee!' He expected to meet someone who knew Australia. The murderer felt at home in the Valley. Strangers cannot usually go there.

### Progress test key

- 1 a X b ✓ c X d ✓ e ✓ f X g ✓ h X
- 2 a Herefordshire  
b Australia  
c Hatherley  
d Boscombe  
e Bristol
- 3 a soft-hearted  
b behind  
c sunny  
d front  
e rough
- 4 a 3 b l c 4 d 2
- 5 a ~~Mr McCarthy~~ > Mr Turner  
b ~~knew~~ > didn't know  
c ~~the murderer~~ > innocent; or is > isn't  
d ~~glasses~~ > magnifying glass  
e ~~London~~ > Australia (or Victoria)
- 6 a l b 2 c 2 d 2 e l