

Answer Key

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES by Arthur Conan Doyle – Grammar and Style

EXERCISE 5 COMPLEMENTS

Identify the complements in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

d.o. = direct object
o.p. = object of preposition

i.o. = indirect object
p.a. = predicate adjective

p.n. = predicate nominative

- PA 1. "I am afraid, my dear Watson, that most ^S (of your conclusions) ^{LV} were erroneous." ^{PA}
- DO 2. "It gives us the basis ^S (for several deductions)." ^{TV IO DO}
- PN 3. "The man is certainly a country practitioner." ^{S LV PN}
- IO 4. Holmes was silent, but his little darting glances showed me ^S the interest ^{TV IO DO} (which he took ^{DC} in our curious companion.)
- OP 5. "I have ^S (in my pocket) a manuscript," said Dr. James Mortimer. ^{LV PN}
- PN 6. Sir Charles was a widower, and a man who may be said to have been in some ways of an eccentric habit of mind. ^{S LV PN}
- OP 7. In spite of his considerable wealth he was simple in his personal tastes, and his indoor servants at Baskerville Hall consisted ^S (of a married couple) ^{TV DO} named Barrymore, the husband acting as butler and the wife as housekeeper.
- DO 8. On the fourth of May Sir Charles had declared his intention ^S of starting next day for London, and had ordered Barrymore to prepare his luggage. ^{TV DO}
- DO 9. Dr. Mortimer refolded his paper and replaced it ^S (in his pocket). ^{TV DO}
- OP 10. "Within the last few months ^S it became increasingly plain to me that Sir Charles's nervous system was strained to the breaking point." ^{TV DO}
- DO 11. "I carefully examined the body, which had not been touched until my arrival." ^{S TV DO}
- PN 12. "From the accounts which have reached us he is an excellent fellow." ^{S LV PN}
- IO 13. "If you examine it ^S carefully you will see that both the pen and the ink ^S have given the writer ^{TV IO DO} trouble."
- OP 14. We hurried together ^S (down the stairs) and (into the street) ^{LV S}
- PA 15. "So wily ^{PA LV S} was he that he had not trusted himself upon foot, but he had availed himself of a cab so that he could loiter behind or dash past them and so escape their notice."