

Sherlockian Deduction

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“Sherlockian Deduction” was inspired by the popular TV show “Jeopardy” and uses the same rules. The basic rules for the game can be found online via many sources. You may choose to adapt the rules for use in your own classroom. For example, students can play in teams rather than as individual players.

The Game Categories and Answer-Question pairs suggested below can also be changed or adapted to suit your needs. You may choose to come up with easier or harder questions or develop a set that relates to a specific story being studied. Be creative and have fun!

Sherlockian Deduction: Suggested categories and questions

221B

1. A - Gasogene
Q - What is an apparatus for manufacturing aerated water for domestic use?
2. A - Jack-knife
Q - What did Holmes use to keep his unanswered correspondence transfixed into the center of his wooden mantelpiece?
3. A - General Gordon
Q - Whose picture hung on the wall? -- (owned by Watson)
4. A - Almost 25 years
Q - How long did Holmes live at 221B?
5. A - V.R.
Q - What are the initials used by Holmes for bullet practice on the wall?

Women

1. A - Irene Adler
Q - Who is "The" Woman?

Colors

1. A - Jabez Wilson
Q - Who accepted a position with the Red Headed League?

Numbers

1. A - 31
Q - What was Watson's Rugby number?

Quotations

1. A - "I am lost without my Boswell."
Q - What did Holmes say referring to Watson as his biographer?

The Master

1. A - Montague Street
Q - Where did Holmes live when he first began his practice as a consulting detective?

Miscellaneous

1. A - Stamford
Q - Who introduced Holmes and Watson?

Cases

1. A - Dr. Thorneycroft Huxtable
Q - What is "The Priory School?"

Doctor Watson

1. A - Jezail
Q - What is the weapon with which Watson was injured?

Names

1. A - St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Q - Where did Holmes and Watson first meet?