### Vocabulary List

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<th>Word</th>
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<td>barrow boy</td>
<td>street sellers who stroll around with wheelbarrows</td>
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<td>bonniest</td>
<td>most attractive or most beautiful</td>
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<td>camouflaged</td>
<td>obscured or disguised out of view</td>
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<td>candle tallow</td>
<td>candles that burn animal fat; used for lighting</td>
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<td>carbuncle</td>
<td>a precious gemstone</td>
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<td>ruffian</td>
<td>someone who is violent toward others; likely to be involved in crimes</td>
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<td>shillings</td>
<td>a former British coin and unit of currency; equal to one twentieth of a pound (equivalent to 12p today)</td>
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THE BLUE CARBUNCLE

A wild goose chase!

Write numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes to order the events.

- Henry Baker arrives at 221B Baker Street and explains that he bought the goose from Mr Windigate, the landlord of the Alpha Inn.
- In a bet, Holmes finds out that Breckinridge buys his stock from Mrs Oakshott.
- James Ryder, the hotel attendant at the Hotel Cosmopolitan, confesses to Holmes and Watson that he stole the gem and hid it in one of his sister’s geese, which was accidentally sold on to Breckinridge.
- Caught up with some ruffians, a man loses his hat and goose as he flees from the commissioner, Peterson.
- As Holmes and Watson leave the market, a man pesters Breckinridge about his geese and causes a commotion.
- After Holmes deduces the hat belongs to a Henry Baker, Peterson returns with news that the stolen Blue Carbuncle was found inside the goose.
- A newspaper article explains that a plumber was arrested for stealing the gem from the Countess of Morcar’s hotel room.
- Sherlock decides there is more to this case; he and Watson begin to investigate how the gem ended up inside the goose.
- Holmes decides to let Ryder go because prison will do him no good. He knows that the case will collapse since the blue carbuncle was found and therefore the plumber won’t be sent to jail anyway.
- Mr Windigate explains that he bought a dozen geese from Breckinridge, a market seller in Covent Garden.

Score: / 10
Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story!
The Blue Carbuncle

Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. Holmes finds clues on the hat and goose to find out who they belong to. In the table below, complete the missing clues and their meanings.

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<td>H.B. initials / label on the goose’s leg</td>
<td>The hat belongs to a Mr Henry Baker.</td>
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<td>a faded silk lining</td>
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<td>elastic</td>
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<td>dust</td>
<td>The man has a big head/brain and therefore must be intelligent.</td>
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<td>sweat stains</td>
<td>The owner does not go out much; the hat is hung up most of the time.</td>
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<td>The owner has recently had their hair cut.</td>
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<td>The owner has no gas supply at home.</td>
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2. Why could Holmes and Watson not go and return Henry Baker’s hat to him?

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3. Use literary devices to describe the unique gemstone.

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4. How does this illustration explain the story?

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5. Who does the Blue Carbuncle belong to? [ ]

6. Does the article state the plumber stole the jewel? Explain your answer.
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7. According to the article, who was present at the scene of the crime?
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8. Write a short newspaper article to announce that the jewel has been found. Consider what information would be made public and what information Holmes and Watson are keeping to themselves.
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THE BLUE CARBUNCLE

Write a diary entry as if you are Sherlock describing your day.

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