

Appendix B1 Past Tense Identification of Text ERH

Title : The Red Headed League Author : Arthur Conan Doyle

E/RH/S1	I had called upon my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, one day in the autumn of last year and found him in deep conversation with a very stout, florid-faced, elderly gentleman with fiery red hair. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE found
E/RH/S2	With an apology for my intrusion, I was about to withdraw when Holmes pulled me abruptly into the room and closed the door behind me. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was pulled closed
E/RH/S3	"You could not possibly have come at a better time, my dear Watson," he said cordially.
E/RH/S4	"I was afraid that you were engaged." BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was were engaged
E/RH/S5 (i)	"So I am.
E/RH/S5 (ii)	Very much so."
E/RH/S6	"Then I can wait in the next room."
E/RH/S7 (i)	"Not at all.
E/RH/S7 (ii)	This gentleman, Mr. Wilson, has been my partner and helper in many of my most successful cases, and I have no doubt that he will be of the utmost use to me in yours also."
E/RH/S8	The stout gentleman half rose from his chair and gave a bob of greeting, with a quick little questioning glance from his small fat-encircled eyes. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE rose gave
E/RH/S9	"Try the settee," said Holmes, relapsing into his armchair and putting his fingertips together, as was his custom when in judicial moods. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was

E/RH/S10 (i) E/RH/S10 (ii)	"I know, my dear Watson, that you share my love of all that is bizarre and outside the conventions and humdrum routine of everyday life. You have shown your relish for it by the enthusiasm which has prompted you to chronicle, and, if you will excuse my saying so, somewhat to
,	embellish so many of my own little adventures."
E/RH/S11	"Your cases have indeed been of the greatest interest to me," I observed.
E/RH/S12	"You will remember that I remarked the other day, just before we went into the very simple problem presented by Miss Mary Sutherland, that for strange effects and extraordinary combinations we must go to life itself, which is always far more daring than any effort of the imagination." SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	remarked <u>BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE</u> went
	presented
E/RH/S13	"A proposition which I took the liberty of doubting."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE took
E/RH/S14 (i)	"You did , Doctor, but none the less you must come round to my view, for otherwise I shall keep on piling fact upon fact on you until your reason breaks down under them and acknowledges me to be right.
E/RH/S14 (ii)	Now, Mr. Jabez Wilson here has been good enough to call upon me this morning, and to begin a narrative which promises to be one of the most
E/RH/S14 (iii)	singular which I have listened to for some time. You have heard me remark that the strangest and most unique things are very often connected not with the larger but with the smaller crimes, and occasionally, indeed, where there is room for doubt whether any positive crime has been committed.
E/RH/S14 (iv)	As far as I have heard, it is impossible for me to say whether the present case is an instance of crime or not, but the course of events is certainly among the most singular that I have ever listened to.
E/RH/S14 (v)	Perhaps, Mr. Wilson, you would have the great kindness to recommence your narrative.
E/RH/S14 (vi)	I ask you not merely because my friend Dr. Watson has not heard the opening part but also because the peculiar nature of the story makes me anxious to have every possible detail from your lips.
E/RH/S14 (vii)	As a rule, when I have heard some slight indication of the course of events, I am able to guide myself by the thousands of other similar cases which occur to my memory.
E/RH/S14 (viii)	In the present instance I am forced to admit that the facts are, to the best of my belief, unique." BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE did
	connected
	forced
E/RH/S15	The portly client puffed out his chest with an appearance of some little pride and pulled a dirty and wrinkled newspaper from the inside pocket
	of his greatcoat.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	puffed

	pulled
E/RH/S16	As he glanced down the advertisement column, with his head thrust forward and the paper flattened out upon his knee, I took a good look at the man and endeavoured , after the fashion of my companion, to read the indications which might be presented by his dress or appearance. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	glanced
	flattened
	took
	endeavoured
E/DII/G17	presented
E/RH/S17	I did not gain very much, however, by my inspection.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE did
E/RH/S18	Our visitor bore every mark of being an average commonplace British tradesman, obese, pompous, and slow.
E/KH/310	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	bore
E/RH/S19	He wore rather baggy grey shepherd's check trousers, a not over-clean black frock-coat, unbuttoned in the front, and a drab waistcoat with a
L/ICI/S1/	heavy brassy Albert chain, and a square pierced bit of metal dangling down as an ornament.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	wore
	pierced
E/RH/S20	A frayed top-hat and a faded brown overcoat with a wrinkled velvet collar lay upon a chair beside him.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	faded
E/RH/S21	Altogether, look as I would, there was nothing remarkable about the man save his blazing red head, and the expression of extreme chagrin and
	discontent upon his features.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S22	Sherlock Holmes' quick eye took in my occupation, and he shook his head with a smile as he noticed my questioning glances.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	took chook
	shook noticed
E/RH/S23	"Beyond the obvious facts that he has at some time done manual labour, that he takes snuff, that he is a Freemason, that he has been in China, and
L/KH/323	that he has done a considerable amount of writing lately, I can deduce nothing else."
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E/RH/S24	Mr. Jabez Wilson started up in his chair, with his forefinger upon the paper, but his eyes upon my companion.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	started

E/RH/S25	"How, in the name of good-fortune, did you know all that, Mr. Holmes?" he asked .
L/KH/525	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
	asked
E/RH/S26 (i)	"How did you know, for example, that I did manual labour.
E/RH/S26 (ii)	It's as true as gospel, for I began as a ship's carpenter."
` ,	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
	did
	began
E/RH/S27 (i)	"Your hands, my dear sir.
E/RH/S27 (ii)	Your right hand is quite a size larger than your left.
E/RH/S27 (iii)	You have worked with it, and the muscles are more developed ."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	developed
E/RH/S28	"Well, the snuff, then, and the Freemasonry?"
E/RH/S29	"I won't insult your intelligence by telling you how I read that, especially as, rather against the strict rules of your order, you use an arc-and-
	compass breastpin."
E/RH/S30 (i)	"Ah, of course, I forgot that.
E/RH/S30 (ii)	But the writing?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	forgot
E/RH/S31	"What else can be indicated by that right cuff so very shiny for five inches, and the left one with the smooth patch near the elbow where you rest
	it upon the desk?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	indicated
E/RH/S32	"Well, but China?"
E/RH/S33 (i)	"The fish that you have tattooed immediately above your right wrist could only have been done in China.
E/RH/S33 (ii)	I have made a small study of tattoo marks and have even contributed to the literature of the subject.
E/RH/S33 (iii)	That trick of staining the fishes' scales of a delicate pink is quite peculiar to China.
E/RH/S33 (iv)	When, in addition, I see a Chinese coin hanging from your watch-chain, the matter becomes even more simple."
L/M1/033 (1V)	when, in addition, I see a Chinese com hanging from your water-chain, the matter occomes even more simple.
E/RH/S34	Mr. Jabez Wilson laughed heavily.

	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	laughed
E/RH/S35	"Well, I never!" said he.
E/RH/S36	"I thought at first that you had done something clever, but I see that there was nothing in it after all."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	thought
	was
E/RH/S37 (i)	"I begin to think, Watson," said Holmes, "that I make a mistake in explaining.
E/RH/S37 (ii)	'Omne ignotum pro magnifico,' you know, and my poor little reputation, such as it is, will suffer shipwreck if I am so candid.
E/RH/S37 (iii)	Can you not find the advertisement, Mr. Wilson?"
E/RH/S38	"Yes, I have got it now," he answered with his thick red finger planted halfway down the column.
E/KH/336	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	planted
E/RH/S39 (i)	"Here it is.
E/RH/S39 (ii)	This is what began it all.
E/RH/S39 (iii)	You just read it for yourself, sir."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	began
E/RH/S40 (i)	I took the paper from him and read as follows: "TO THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE: On account of the bequest of the late Ezekiah Hopkins, of
	Lebanon, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., there is now another vacancy open which entitles a member of the League to a salary of £4 a week for purely
	nominal services.
E/RH/S40 (ii)	All red-headed men who are sound in body and mind and above the age of twenty-one years, are eligible.
E/RH/S40 (iii)	Apply in person on Monday, at eleven o'clock, to Duncan Ross, at the offices of the League, 7 Pope's Court, Fleet Street."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	took
E/RH/S41	"What on earth does this mean?" I ejaculated after I had twice read over the extraordinary announcement.
E/RH/S42	Holmes chuckled and wriggled in his chair, as was his habit when in high spirits.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	chuckled
	wriggled
	was
E/RH/S43	"It is a little off the beaten track, isn't it?" said he.

E/RH/S44 (i)	"And now, Mr. Wilson, off you go at scratch and tell us all about yourself, your household, and the effect which this advertisement had upon
L/KH/5++ (1)	your fortunes.
E/RH/S44 (ii)	You will first make a note, Doctor, of the paper and the date."
L/M1/544 (II)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	had
E/RH/S45 (i)	"It is <i>The Morning Chronicle</i> of April 27, 1890.
E/RH/S45 (ii)	Just two months ago."
L/RII/543 (II)	Just two months ago.
E/RH/S46 (i)	"Very good.
E/RH/S46 (ii)	Now, Mr. Wilson?"
E/RH/S47 (i)	"Well, it is just as I have been telling you, Mr. Sherlock Holmes," said Jabez Wilson, mopping his forehead; "I have a small pawnbroker's
, ,	business at Coburg Square, near the City.
E/RH/S47 (ii)	It's not a very large affair, and of late years it has not done more than just give me a living.
E/RH/S47 (iii)	I used to be able to keep two assistants, but now I only keep one; and I would have a job to pay him but that he is willing to come for half wages
` ,	so as to learn the business."
E/RH/S48	"What is the name of this obliging youth?" asked Sherlock Holmes.
E/RH/S49 (i)	"His name is Vincent Spaulding, and he's not such a youth, either.
E/RH/S49 (ii)	It's hard to say his age.
E/RH/S49 (iii)	I should not wish a smarter assistant, Mr. Holmes; and I know very well that he could better himself and earn twice what I am able to give him
E/RH/S49 (iv)	But, after all, if he is satisfied, why should I put ideas in his head?"
E/KH/349 (IV)	But, after all, if he is satisfied, why should I put ideas in his flead?
E/RH/S50 (i)	"Why, indeed?
E/RH/S50 (ii)	You seem most fortunate in having an employee who comes under the full market price.
E/RH/S50 (iii)	It is not a common experience among employers in this age.
E/RH/S50 (iv)	I don't know that your assistant is not as remarkable as your advertisement."
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E/RH/S51	"Oh, he has his faults, too," said Mr. Wilson.
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E/RH/S52 (i)	"Never was such a fellow for photography.
E/RH/S52 (ii)	Snapping away with a camera when he ought to be improving his mind, and then diving down into the cellar like a rabbit into its hole to develop
L/M1/052 (11)	his pictures.
E/RH/S52 (iii)	That is his main fault, but on the whole he's a good worker.
E/RH/S52 (iv)	There's no vice in him."
L/M1/052 (1V)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	DADIC MEANINGS OF THE TAST TENSE

	was
E/RH/S53	"He is still with you, I presume?"
E/RH/S54	"Yes, sir.
E/RH/S55	He and a girl of fourteen, who does a bit of simple cooking and keeps the place clean—that's all I have in the house, for I am a widower and never had any family. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE had
E/RH/S56	We live very quietly, sir, the three of us; and we keep a roof over our heads and pay our debts, if we do nothing more.
E/RH/S57 (i) E/RH/S57 (ii) E/RH/S57 (iii)	"The first thing that put us out was that advertisement. Spaulding, he came down into the office just this day eight weeks, with this very paper in his hand, and he says: "I wish to the Lord, Mr. Wilson, that I was a red-headed man." BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE came was
E/RH/S58	"Why that?' I asks.
E/RH/S59 (i) E/RH/S59 (ii)	"'Why,' says he, 'here's another vacancy on the League of the Red-headed Men. It's worth quite a little fortune to any man who gets it, and I understand that there are more vacancies than there are men, so that the trustees are at their wits' end what to do with the money.
E/RH/S59 (iii)	If my hair would only change colour, here's a nice little crib all ready for me to step into.'
E/RH/S60	"'Why, what is it, then?' I asked.
E/RH/S61	You see, Mr. Holmes, I am a very stay-at-home man, and as my business came to me instead of my having to go to it, I was often weeks on end without putting my foot over the door-mat. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was
E/RH/S62	In that way I didn't know much of what was going on outside, and I was always glad of a bit of news. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE didn't was was

E/RH/S63	"' 'Have you never heard of the League of the Red-headed Men?' he asked with his eyes open.
E/RH/S64	"'Never.'
E/RH/S65	"' 'Why, I wonder at that, for you are eligible yourself for one of the vacancies.'
E/RH/S66	" 'And what are they worth?' I asked.
E/RH/S67	"'Oh, merely a couple of hundred a year, but the work is slight, and it need not interfere very much with one's other occupations."
E/RH/S68	"Well, you can easily think that that made me prick up my ears, for the business has not been over good for some years, and an extra couple of hundred would have been very handy. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE made
E/RH/S69	"'Tell me all about it,' said I.
E/RH/S70 (i)	"' 'Well,' said he, showing me the advertisement, 'you can see for yourself that the League has a vacancy, and there is the address where you should apply for particulars.
E/RH/S70 (ii) E/RH/S70 (iii)	As far as I can make out, the League was founded by an American millionaire, Ezekiah Hopkins, who was very peculiar in his ways. He was himself red-headed, and he had a great sympathy for all red-headed men; so, when he died , it was found that he had left his enormous fortune in the hands of trustees, with instructions to apply the interest to the providing of easy berths to men whose hair is of that colour.
E/RH/S70 (iv)	From all I hear it is splendid pay and very little to do.' BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was founded was had died was found
E/RH/S71	"'But,' said I, 'there would be millions of red-headed men who would apply.'
E/RH/S72	"'Not so many as you might think,' he answered.
E/RH/S73 (i)	'You see it is really confined to Londoners, and to grown men.

E/RH/S73 (ii) E/RH/S73 (iii) E/RH/S73 (iv)	This American had started from London when he was young, and he wanted to do the old town a good turn. Then, again, I have heard it is no use your applying if your hair is light red, or dark red, or anything but real bright, blazing, fiery red. Now, if you cared to apply, Mr. Wilson, you would just walk in; but perhaps it would hardly be worth your while to put yourself out of the way for the sake of a few hundred pounds.'
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	confined
	was
	wanted SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE ('CLOSED CONDITIONALS' AND OTHER HYPOTHETICAL SUBORDINATE
	CLAUSES)
	ifcared
E/RH/S74	"Now, it is a fact, gentlemen, as you may see for yourselves, that my hair is of a very full and rich tint, so that it seemed to me that if there was to
	be any competition in the matter I stood as good a chance as any man that I had ever met.
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE ('CLOSED CONDITIONALS' AND OTHER HYPOTHETICAL SUBORDINATE
	<u>CLAUSES)</u>
	ifwas
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
E/RH/S75	stood Vincent Spaulding seemed to know so much about it that I thought he might prove useful, so I just ordered him to put up the shutters for the day
E/KII/S/S	and to come right away with me.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	thought
	ordered
E/RH/S76	He was very willing to have a holiday, so we shut the business up and started off for the address that was given us in the advertisement.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	shut
	started
E/RH/S77 (i)	was "I never hope to see such a sight as that again, Mr. Holmes.
E/RH/S77 (ii)	From north, south, east, and west every man who had a shade of red in his hair had tramped into the city to answer the advertisement.
E/RH/S77 (iii)	Fleet Street was choked with red-headed folk, and Pope's Court looked like a coster's orange barrow.
E/RH/S77 (iv)	I should not have thought there were so many in the whole country as were brought together by that single advertisement.
E/RH/S77 (v)	Every shade of colour they were—straw, lemon, orange, brick, Irish-setter, liver, clay; but, as Spaulding said, there were not many who had the
	real vivid flame-coloured tint.
E/RH/S77 (vi)	When I saw how many were waiting, I would have given it up in despair; but Spaulding would not hear of it.
E/RH/S77 (vii)	How he did it I could not imagine, but he pushed and pulled and butted until he got me through the crowd, and right up to the steps which led to the office.
E/RH/S77 (viii)	There was a double stream upon the stair, some going up in hope, and some coming back dejected; but we wedged in as well as we could and
	soon found ourselves in the office."

	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	had saw wedged
	was choked did found
	looked pushed
	were pulled
	were butted
	were got
	were led
	had was
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	(IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	said
E/RH/S78	"Your experience has been a most entertaining one," remarked Holmes as his client paused and refreshed his memory with a huge pinch of
	snuff.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	paused
	refreshed
E/RH/S79	"Pray continue your very interesting statement."
E/RH/S80	"There was nothing in the office but a couple of wooden chairs and a deal table, behind which sat a small man with a head that was even redder
	than mine.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	sat
	was
E/RH/S81	He said a few words to each candidate as he came up, and then he always managed to find some fault in them which would disqualify them.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	said
	came
	managed
E/RH/S82	Getting a vacancy did not seem to be such a very easy matter, after all.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
E/RH/S83	However, when our turn came the little man was much more favourable to me than to any of the others, and he closed the door as we entered , so
	that he might have a private word with us.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	came
	was

	closed
	entered
E/RH/S84	"'This is Mr. Jabez Wilson,' said my assistant, 'and he is willing to fill a vacancy in the League.'
E/RH/S85	" 'And he is admirably suited for it,' the other answered. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE suited
	answered
E/RH/S86 (i)	'He has every requirement.
E/RH/S86 (ii)	I cannot recall when I have seen anything so fine.'
E/RH/S87	He took a step backward, cocked his head on one side, and gazed at my hair until I felt quite bashful. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	took cocked
	gazed
E/RH/S88	felt Then suddenly he plunged forward, wrung my hand, and congratulated me warmly on my success.
E/KH/588	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	plunged
	wrung
	congratulated
E/RH/S89	"'It would be injustice to hesitate,' said he.
E/RH/S90	'You will, however, I am sure, excuse me for taking an obvious precaution.'
E/RH/S91	With the sain A week is in both his head, and through with I will the sain
E/RH/391	With that he seized my hair in both his hands, and tugged until I yelled with the pain. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	seized
	tugged
	yelled
E/RH/S92	'There is water in your eyes,' said he as he released me.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	released
E/RH/S93 (i)	'I perceive that all is as it should be.
E/RH/S93 (ii)	But we have to be careful, for we have twice been deceived by wigs and once by paint.
E/RH/S93 (iii)	I could tell you tales of cobbler's wax which would disgust you with human nature.'

E/RH/S94	He stepped over to the window and shouted through it at the top of his voice that the vacancy was filled. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE stepped shouted
	was filled
E/RH/S95	A groan of disappointment came up from below, and the folk all trooped away in different directions until there was not a red-head to be seen except my own and that of the manager. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE came tropped was
E/RH/S96 (i)	"'My name,' said he, 'is Mr. Duncan Ross, and I am myself one of the pensioners upon the fund left by our noble benefactor.
E/RH/S96 (ii)	Are you a married man, Mr. Wilson?
E/RH/S96 (iii)	Have you a family?' BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE left
E/RH/S97	"I answered that I had not. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE answered
E/RH/S98	"His face fell immediately. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE fell
E/RH/S99 (i)	"'Dear me!' he said gravely, 'that is very serious indeed! I am sorry to hear you say that.
E/RH/S99 (ii)	The fund was, of course, for the propagation and spread of the red-heads as well as for their maintenance.
E/RH/S99 (iii)	It is exceedingly unfortunate that you should be a bachelor.' BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was
E/RH/S100	"My face lengthened at this, Mr. Holmes, for I thought that I was not to have the vacancy after all; but after thinking it over for a few minutes he said that it would be all right. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE lengthened
	was SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT) thought said
E/RH/S101 (i)	"'In the case of another,' said he, 'the objection might be fatal, but we must stretch a point in favour of a man with such a head of hair as yours. When shall you be able to enter upon your new duties?'

E/RH/S101 (ii)	
E/RH/S102	"'Well, it is a little awkward, for I have a business already,' said I.
E/RH/S103	"'Oh, never mind about that, Mr. Wilson!' said Vincent Spaulding.
E/RH/S104	'I should be able to look after that for you.'
E/RH/S105	" 'What would be the hours?' I asked.
E/RH/S106	"'Ten to two.'
E/RH/S107	"Now a pawnbroker's business is mostly done of an evening, Mr. Holmes, especially Thursday and Friday evening, which is just before pay-day; so it would suit me very well to earn a little in the mornings.
E/RH/S108	Besides, I knew that my assistant was a good man, and that he would see to anything that turned up. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE knew was turned
E/RH/S109	"'That would suit me very well,' said I.
E/RH/S110	'And the pay?'
E/RH/S111	"'Is £4 pounds a week.'
E/RH/S112	" 'And the work?'
E/RH/S113	"'Is purely nominal.'
E/RH/S114	" 'What do you call purely nominal?'
E/RH/S115 (i) E/RH/S115 (ii) E/RH/S115 (iii)	"'Well, you have to be in the office, or at least in the building, the whole time. If you leave, you forfeit your whole position forever. The will is very clear upon that point.

E/RH/S115 (iv)	You don't comply with the conditions if you budge from the office during that time.'
E/RH/S116	"'It's only four hours a day, and I should not think of leaving,' said I.
E/RH/S117 (i)	"'No excuse will avail,' said Mr. Duncan Ross; 'neither sickness nor business nor anything else.
E/RH/S117 (ii)	There you must stay, or you lose your billet.'
E/RH/S118	"'And the work?'
E/RH/S119 (i) E/RH/S119 (ii)	"'Is to copy out the <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> . There is the first volume of it in that press.
E/RH/S119 (ii) E/RH/S119 (iii)	You must find your own ink, pens, and blotting-paper, but we provide this table and chair.
E/RH/S119 (iv)	Will you be ready to-morrow?'
E/RH/S120	" 'Certainly,' I answered.
E/RH/S121	"'Then, good-bye, Mr. Jabez Wilson, and let me congratulate you once more on the important position which you have been fortunate enough to gain.'
E/RH/S122	He bowed me out of the room and I went home with my assistant, hardly knowing what to say or do, I was so pleased at my own good fortune. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE bowed went was pleased
E/RH/S123 (i)	 was pleased "Well, I thought over the matter all day, and by evening I was in low spirits again; for I had quite persuaded myself that the whole affair must be some great hoax or fraud, though what its object might be I could not imagine. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE thought was
E/RH/S124	It seemed altogether past belief that anyone could make such a will, or that they would pay such a sum for doing anything so simple as copying out the <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> . BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE seemed
E/RH/S125	Vincent Spaulding did what he could to cheer me up, but by bedtime I had reasoned myself out of the whole thing. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE

	did
E/RH/S126	However, in the morning I determined to have a look at it anyhow, so I bought a penny bottle of ink, and with a quill-pen, and seven sheets of
	foolscap paper, I started off for Pope's Court.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	determined
	bought
	started
E/RH/S127	"Well, to my surprise and delight, everything was as right as possible.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S128	The table was set out ready for me, and Mr. Duncan Ross was there to see that I got fairly to work.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	was
	got
E/RH/S129	He started me off upon the letter A, and then he left me; but he would drop in from time to time to see that all was right with me.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	started
	left
	was
E/RH/S130	At two o'clock he bade me good-day, complimented me upon the amount that I had written, and locked the door of the office after me.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	bade
	complimented
	locked
E/RH/S131	"This went on day after day, Mr. Holmes, and on Saturday the manager came in and planked down four golden sovereigns for my week's work.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	went
	came
	planked
E/RH/S132	It was the same next week, and the same the week after.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S133	Every morning I was there at ten, and every afternoon I left at two.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	left
E/RH/S134	By degrees Mr. Duncan Ross took to coming in only once of a morning, and then, after a time, he did not come in at all.

	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	took
	did
E/RH/S135	Still, of course, I never dared to leave the room for an instant, for I was not sure when he might come, and the billet was such a good one, and
	suited me so well, that I would not risk the loss of it.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	dared
	was
	was
	suited
E/RH/S136 (i)	"Eight weeks passed away like this, and I had written about Abbots and Archery and Armour and Architecture and Attica, and hoped with
	diligence that I might get on to the B's before very long.
E/RH/S136 (ii)	It cost me something in foolscap, and I had pretty nearly filled a shelf with my writings.
E/RH/S136 (iii)	And then suddenly the whole business came to an end."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	passed
	hoped
	came
E/RH/S137	"To an end?"
E/RH/S138 (i)	"Yes, sir. And no later than this morning.
E/RH/S138 (ii)	I went to my work as usual at ten o'clock, but the door was shut and locked, with a little square of cardboard hammered on to the middle of the
E/RH/S138 (iii)	panel with a tack.
. ,	Here it is, and you can read for yourself."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	went
	was
	locked
	hammered
E/RH/S139	He held up a piece of white cardboard about the size of a sheet of note-paper.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	held
E/RH/S140	It read in this fashion: THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE IS DISSOLVED .
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	dissolved
E/RH/S141	October 9, 1890.
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E/RH/S142	Sherlock Holmes and I surveyed this curt announcement and the rueful face behind it, until the comical side of the affair so completely
E/KH/S142	overtopped every other consideration that we both burst out into a roar of laughter.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	surveyed
	overtopped
	burst
E/RH/S143	"I cannot see that there is anything very funny," cried our client, flushing up to the roots of his flaming head.
E/RH/S144	"If you can do nothing better than laugh at me, I can go elsewhere."
E/RH/S145	"No, no," cried Holmes, shoving him back into the chair from which he had half risen.
E/RH/S146 (i)	"I really wouldn't miss your case for the world.
E/RH/S146 (ii)	It is most refreshingly unusual.
E/RH/S146 (iii)	But there is, if you will excuse my saying so, something just a little funny about it.
E/RH/S146 (iv)	Pray what steps did you take when you found the card upon the door?"
•	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
	found
E/RH/S147	"I was staggered, sir.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was staggered
E/RH/S148	I did not know what to do.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
E/RH/S149	Then I called at the offices round, but none of them seemed to know anything about it.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	called
	seemed
E/RH/S150	Finally, I went to the landlord, who is an accountant living on the ground floor, and I asked him if he could tell me what had become of the Red-
	headed League.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	went
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	asked
E/RH/S151	He said that he had never heard of any such body.
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)

	said
E/RH/S152	Then I asked him who Mr. Duncan Ross was.
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	asked
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S153	He answered that the name was new to him.
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	answered
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S154	"'Well,' said I, 'the gentleman at No. 4.'
E/RH/S155	" 'What, the red-headed man?'
E/KII/3133	what, the red-headed man?
E/RH/S156	"'Yes.'
E/RH/S157 (i)	"'Oh,' said he, 'his name was William Morris.
E/RH/S157 (ii)	He was a solicitor and was using my room as a temporary convenience until his new premises were ready.
E/RH/S157 (iii)	He moved out yesterday.'
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	said
	was
	was
	was
	were
E/D11/01/00	moved
E/RH/S158	"'Where could I find him?"
E/RH/S159 (i)	"'Oh, at his new offices.
E/RH/S159 (ii)	He did tell me the address.
E/RH/S159 (iii)	Yes, 17 King Edward Street, near St. Paul's.'
, ,	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
E/RH/S160	"I started off, Mr. Holmes, but when I got to that address it was a manufactory of artificial knee-caps, and no one in it had ever heard of either
	Mr. William Morris or Mr. Duncan Ross."

	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	started
	got
	was
E/RH/S161	"And what did you do then?" asked Holmes.
L/IGI/S101	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
	asked
E/RH/S162 (i)	"I went home to Saxe-Coburg Square, and I took the advice of my assistant.
E/RH/S162 (ii)	But he could not help me in any way.
E/RH/S162 (iii)	He could only say that if I waited I should hear by post.
E/RH/S162 (iv)	But that was not quite good enough, Mr. Holmes.
E/101/5102 (11)	I did not wish to lose such a place without a struggle, so, as I had heard that you were good enough to give advice to poor folk who were in need
	of it, I came right away to you."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	went did came
	took were
	was were
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE ('CLOSED CONDITIONALS' AND OTHER HYPOTHETICAL SUBORDINATE
	CLAUSES)
	ifwaited
E/RH/S163	"And you did very wisely," said Holmes.
2/10/20100	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
E/RH/S164 (i)	"Your case is an exceedingly remarkable one, and I shall be happy to look into it.
E/RH/S164 (ii)	From what you have told me I think that it is possible that graver issues hang from it than might at first sight appear."
Z/Idi/S101 (II)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	told
E/RH/S165	"Grave enough!" said Mr. Jabez Wilson.
E/DII/01/6	
E/RH/S166	"Why, I have lost four pound a week."
E/RH/S167 (i)	"As far as you are personally concerned," remarked Holmes, "I do not see that you have any grievance against this extraordinary league.
E/RH/S167 (ii)	On the contrary, you are, as I understand, richer by some £30, to say nothing of the minute knowledge which you have gained on every subject
	which comes under the letter A.
E/RH/S167 (iii)	You have lost nothing by them."
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E/RH/S168 (i)	"No, sir.

E/RH/S168 (ii)	But I want to find out about them, and who they are, and what their object was in playing this prank—if it was a prank—upon me.
E/RH/S168 (iii)	It was a pretty expensive joke for them, for it cost them two and thirty pounds."
, ,	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	was
	was
E/RH/S169 (i)	"We shall endeavour to clear up these points for you.
E/RH/S169 (ii)	And, first, one or two questions, Mr. Wilson.
E/RH/S169 (iii)	This assistant of yours who first called your attention to the advertisement—how long had he been with you?" BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	called
E/RH/S170	"About a month then."
E/RH/S171	"How did he come?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE did
E/RH/S172	"In answer to an advertisement."
E/RH/S173	"Was he the only applicant?"
E/RH/S174	"No, I had a dozen."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE had
E/RH/S175	"Why did you pick him?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE did
E/RH/S176	"Because he was handy and would come cheap."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was
E/RH/S177	"At half wages, in fact."
E/RH/S178	"Yes."
E/RH/S179	"What is he like, this Vincent Spaulding?"
E/RH/S179	"What is he like, this Vincent Spaulding?"

E/RH/S180 (i)	"Small, stout-built, very quick in his ways, no hair on his face, though he's not short of thirty.
E/RH/S180 (ii)	Has a white splash of acid upon his forehead."
E/RH/S181	Holmes sat up in his chair in considerable excitement.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	sat
E/RH/S182	"I thought as much," said he.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	thought
	said
E/RH/S183	"Have you ever observed that his ears are pierced for earrings?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	observed
E/DII/G104 (2)	pierced
E/RH/S184 (i)	"Yes, sir.
E/RH/S184 (ii)	He told me that a gipsy had done it for him when he was a lad."
	SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE (IN REPORTED SPEECH OR THOUGHT)
	told DAGLO MEANINGS OF THE DAGT TENGE
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
E/RH/S185	was "Hum!" said Holmes, sinking back in deep thought.
E/KH/S103	Fruit! Said Homes, Sinking back in deep thought.
E/RH/S186	"He is still with you?"
E/RH/S187	"Oh, yes, sir; I have only just left him."
E/KII/310/	On, yes, sir, I have only just left film.
E/RH/S188	"And has your business been attended to in your absence?"
E/RH/S189 (i)	"Nothing to complain of, sir.
E/RH/S189 (ii)	There's never very much to do of a morning."
	There is not a very much to do of a morning.
E/RH/S190 (i)	"That will do, Mr. Wilson.
E/RH/S190 (ii)	I shall be happy to give you an opinion upon the subject in the course of a day or two.
E/RH/S190 (iii)	To-day is Saturday, and I hope that by Monday we may come to a conclusion."
E/RH/S191	"Well, Watson," said Holmes when our visitor had left us, "what do you make of it all?"

E/RH/S192	"I make nothing of it," I answered frankly.
E/RH/S193	"It is a most mysterious business."
E/RH/S194 (i) E/RH/S194 (ii)	"As a rule," said Holmes, "the more bizarre a thing is the less mysterious it proves to be. It is your commonplace, featureless crimes which are really puzzling, just as a commonplace face is the most difficult to identify.
E/RH/S194 (iii)	But I must be prompt over this matter."
E/RH/S195	"What are you going to do, then?" I asked.
E/RH/S196	"To smoke," he answered.
E/RH/S197	"It is quite a three pipe problem, and I beg that you won't speak to me for fifty minutes."
E/RH/S198	He curled himself up in his chair, with his thin knees drawn up to his hawk-like nose, and there he sat with his eyes closed and his black clay pipe thrusting out like the bill of some strange bird. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE curled
E/RH/S199	I had come to the conclusion that he had dropped asleep, and indeed was nodding myself, when he suddenly sprang out of his chair with the gesture of a man who has made up his mind and put his pipe down upon the mantelpiece. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE sprang
E/RH/S200	"Sarasate plays at the St. James's Hall this afternoon," he remarked.
E/RH/S201 (i)	"What do you think, Watson?
E/RH/S201 (ii)	Could your patients spare you for a few hours?"
E/RH/S202 (i)	"I have nothing to do to-day.
E/RH/S202 (ii)	My practice is never very absorbing."
E/RH/S203 (i)	"Then put on your hat and come.
E/RH/S203 (ii)	I am going through the City first, and we can have some lunch on the way.

E/RH/S203 (iii)	I observe that there is a good deal of German music on the programme, which is rather more to my taste than Italian or French.
E/RH/S203 (iv)	It is introspective, and I want to introspect.
E/RH/S203 (v)	Come along!"
E/RH/S204	We travelled by the Underground as far as Aldersgate; and a short walk took us to Saxe-Coburg Square, the scene of the singular story which we
	had listened to in the morning.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	travelled
	took
E/RH/S205	It was a poky, little, shabby-genteel place, where four lines of dingy two-storied brick houses looked out into a small railed-in enclosure, where a
	lawn of weedy grass and a few clumps of faded laurel bushes made a hard fight against a smoke-laden and uncongenial atmosphere.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	looked
	railed
	faded
E/RH/S206	made Three gilt balls and a brown board with "JABEZ WILSON" in white letters, upon a corner house, announced the place where our red-headed
E/KH/S200	client carried on his business.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	announced
	carried
E/RH/S207	Sherlock Holmes stopped in front of it with his head on one side and looked it all over, with his eyes shining brightly between puckered lids.
E/KH/3207	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	stopped
	looked
E/RH/S208	Then he walked slowly up the street, and then down again to the corner, still looking keenly at the houses.
L/KH/5200	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	walked
E/RH/S209	Finally he returned to the pawnbroker's, and, having thumped vigorously upon the pavement with his stick two or three times, he went up to the
2/14/5209	door and knocked.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	returned
	went
	knocked
E/RH/S210	It was instantly opened by a bright-looking, clean-shaven young fellow, who asked him to step in.
-	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was

	opened
	asked
E/RH/S211	"Thank you," said Holmes, "I only wished to ask you how you would go from here to the Strand."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	wished
E/RH/S212	"Third right, fourth left," answered the assistant promptly, closing the door.
E/RH/S213	"Smart fellow, that," observed Holmes as we walked away.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	walked
E/RH/S214 (i)	"He is, in my judgment, the fourth smartest man in London, and for daring I am not sure that he has not a claim to be third.
E/RH/S214 (ii)	I have known something of him before."
E/RH/S215 (i)	"Evidently," said I, "Mr. Wilson's assistant counts for a good deal in this mystery of the Red-headed League.
E/RH/S215 (ii)	I am sure that you inquired your way merely in order that you might see him."
L/KH/3213 (II)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	inquired
E/RH/S216	"Not him."
2/141/5210	
E/RH/S217	"What then?"
E/RH/S218	"The knees of his trousers."
E/RH/S219	"And what did you see?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
E/RH/S220	"What I expected to see."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	expected
E/RH/S221	"Why did you beat the pavement?"
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	did
	beat
E/RH/S222 (i)	"My dear doctor, this is a time for observation, not for talk.
E/RH/S222 (ii)	We are spies in an enemy's country.
E/RH/S222 (iii)	We know something of Saxe-Coburg Square.
E/RH/S222 (iv)	Let us now explore the parts which lie behind it."

E/RH/S223	The road in which we found ourselves as we turned round the corner from the retired Saxe-Coburg Square presented as great a contrast to it as
	the front of a picture does to the back.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	found
	turned
	presented
E/RH/S224	It was one of the main arteries which conveyed the traffic of the City to the north and west.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	conveyed
E/RH/S225	The roadway was blocked with the immense stream of commerce flowing in a double tide inward and outward, while the footpaths were black
	with the hurrying swarm of pedestrians.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was blocked
	were
E/RH/S226	It was difficult to realise as we looked at the line of fine shops and stately business premises that they really abutted on the other side upon the
	faded and stagnant square which we had just quitted.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	looked
	abutted
	faded
E/RH/S227 (i)	"Let me see," said Holmes, standing at the corner and glancing along the line, "I should like just to remember the order of the houses here.
E/RH/S227 (ii)	It is a hobby of mine to have an exact knowledge of London.
E/RH/S227 (iii)	There is Mortimer's, the tobacconist, the little newspaper shop, the Coburg branch of the City and Suburban Bank, the Vegetarian Restaurant,
	and McFarlane's carriage-building depot.
E/RH/S227 (iv)	That carries us right on to the other block.
E/RH/S227 (v)	And now, Doctor, we've done our work, so it's time we had some play.
E/RH/S227 (vi)	A sandwich and a cup of coffee, and then off to violin-land, where all is sweetness and delicacy and harmony, and there are no red-headed clients
	to vex us with their conundrums."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	had
E/RH/S228	My friend was an enthusiastic musician, being himself not only a very capable performer but a composer of no ordinary merit.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S229	All the afternoon he sat in the stalls wrapped in the most perfect happiness, gently waving his long, thin fingers in time to the music, while his

	gently smiling face and his languid, dreamy eyes were as unlike those of Holmes the sleuth-hound, Holmes the relentless, keen-witted, ready-handed criminal agent, as it was possible to conceive. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE sat **Transpared**
	wrapped were
	was
E/RH/S230	In his singular character the dual nature alternately asserted itself, and his extreme exactness and astuteness represented , as I have often thought, the reaction against the poetic and contemplative mood which occasionally predominated in him. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE asserted represented predominated
E/RH/S231	The swing of his nature took him from extreme languor to devouring energy; and, as I knew well, he was never so truly formidable as when, for days on end, he had been lounging in his armchair amid his improvisations and his black-letter editions. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE took knew was
E/RH/S232	Then it was that the lust of the chase would suddenly come upon him, and that his brilliant reasoning power would rise to the level of intuition, until those who were unacquainted with his methods would look askance at him as on a man whose knowledge was not that of other mortals. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was were unacquainted was
E/RH/S233	When I saw him that afternoon so enwrapped in the music at St. James's Hall I felt that an evil time might be coming upon those whom he had set himself to hunt down. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE saw enwrapped felt
E/RH/S234	"You want to go home, no doubt, Doctor," he remarked as we emerged . BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE emerged
E/RH/S235	"Yes, it would be as well."
E/RH/S236 (i)	"And I have some business to do which will take some hours.
E/RH/S236 (ii)	This business at Coburg Square is serious."

E/RH/S237	"Why serious?"
E/KH/S237	why serious?
E/RH/S238 (i)	"A considerable crime is in contemplation.
E/RH/S238 (ii)	I have every reason to believe that we shall be in time to stop it.
E/RH/S238 (iii)	But to-day being Saturday rather complicates matters.
E/RH/S238 (iv)	I shall want your help to-night."
E/RH/S239	"At what time?"
E/RH/S240	"Ten will be early enough."
L/KH/3240	Tell will be early chough.
E/RH/S241	"I shall be at Baker Street at ten."
L/101/52+1	1 Shan be at Baker bucet at ten.
E/RH/S242 (i)	"Very well.
E/RH/S242 (ii)	And, I say, Doctor, there may be some little danger, so kindly put your army revolver in your pocket."
E/DII/0042	
E/RH/S243	He waved his hand, turned on his heel, and disappeared in an instant among the crowd.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE waved
	turned
	disappeared
E/RH/S244	I trust that I am not more dense than my neighbours, but I was always oppressed with a sense of my own stupidity in my dealings with Sherlock
L/KH/3244	Holmes.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was oppressed
E/RH/S245	Here I had heard what he had heard, I had seen what he had seen, and yet from his words it was evident that he saw clearly not only what had
L/MI/3243	happened but what was about to happen, while to me the whole business was still confused and grotesque.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	saw
	was
	was confused
E/RH/S246	As I drove home to my house in Kensington I thought over it all, from the extraordinary story of the red-headed copier of the <i>Encyclopaedia</i>
	down to the visit to Saxe-Coburg Square, and the ominous words with which he had parted from me.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	drove

	thought
E/RH/S247	What was this nocturnal expedition, and why should I go armed?
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	armed
E/RH/S248	Where were we going, and what were we to do?
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	were
E/RH/S249	I had the hint from Holmes that this smooth-faced pawnbroker's assistant was a formidable man—a man who might play a deep game.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	had
E/RH/S250	I tried to puzzle it out, but gave it up in despair and set the matter aside until night should bring an explanation.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	tried
	gave
E/RH/S251	It was a quarter-past nine when I started from home and made my way across the Park, and so through Oxford Street to Baker Street.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	started
	made
E/RH/S252	Two hansoms were standing at the door, and as I entered the passage I heard the sound of voices from above.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	entered
	heard
E/RH/S253	On entering his room, I found Holmes in animated conversation with two men, one of whom I recognised as Peter Jones, the official police
	agent, while the other was a long, thin, sad-faced man, with a very shiny hat and oppressively respectable frock-coat.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	found
	recognised
	was
E/RH/S254	"Ha! Our party is complete," said Holmes, buttoning up his pea-jacket and taking his heavy hunting crop from the rack.
E/RH/S255 (i)	"Watson, I think you know Mr. Jones, of Scotland Yard?
E/RH/S255 (ii)	Let me introduce you to Mr. Merryweather, who is to be our companion in to-night's adventure."
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E/RH/S256	"We're hunting in couples again, Doctor, you see," said Jones in his consequential way.
L/ 131/ 3230	we re numing in couples again, Doctor, you see, said joines in his consequential way.

E/RH/S257 (i)	"Our friend here is a wonderful man for starting a chase.
E/RH/S257 (ii)	All he wants is an old dog to help him to do the running down."
E/RH/S258	"I hope a wild goose may not prove to be the end of our chase," observed Mr. Merryweather gloomily.
E/RH/S259	"You may place considerable confidence in Mr. Holmes, sir," said the police agent loftily.
E/RH/S260 (i) E/RH/S260 (ii)	"He has his own little methods, which are, if he won't mind my saying so, just a little too theoretical and fantastic, but he has the makings of a detective in him.
,	It is not too much to say that once or twice, as in that business of the Sholto murder and the Agra treasure, he has been more nearly correct than the official force."
E/RH/S261	"Oh, if you say so, Mr. Jones, it is all right," said the stranger with deference.
E/RH/S262 (i)	"Still, I confess that I miss my rubber.
E/RH/S262 (ii)	It is the first Saturday night for seven-and-twenty years that I have not had my rubber."
E/RH/S263 (i)	"I think you will find," said Sherlock Holmes, "that you will play for a higher stake to-night than you have ever done yet, and that the play will
E/RH/S263 (ii)	be more exciting. For you, Mr. Merryweather, the stake will be some £30,000; and for you, Jones, it will be the man upon whom you wish to lay your hands."
E/RH/S264 (i)	"John Clay, the murderer, thief, smasher, and forger.
E/RH/S264 (ii)	He's a young man, Mr. Merryweather, but he is at the head of his profession, and I would rather have my bracelets on him than on any criminal in London.
E/RH/S264 (iii)	He's a remarkable man, is young John Clay.
E/RH/S264 (iv)	His grandfather was a royal duke, and he himself has been to Eton and Oxford.
E/RH/S264 (v)	His brain is as cunning as his fingers, and though we meet signs of him at every turn, we never know where to find the man himself.
E/RH/S264 (vi)	He'll crack a crib in Scotland one week, and be raising money to build an orphanage in Cornwall the next.
E/RH/S264 (vii)	I've been on his track for years and have never set eyes on him yet."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
E/DU/\$265 (:)	was "I hope that I may have the pleasure of introducing you to-night.
E/RH/S265 (i) E/RH/S265 (ii)	I nope that I may have the pleasure of introducing you to-night. I've had one or two little turns also with Mr. John Clay, and I agree with you that he is at the head of his profession.
E/RH/S265 (iii)	It is past ten, however, and quite time that we started .
E/RH/S265 (iv)	If you two will take the first hansom, Watson and I will follow in the second."
L/101/0203 (1V)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE

	started
E/RH/S266	Sherlock Holmes was not very communicative during the long drive and lay back in the cab humming the tunes which he had heard in the
	afternoon.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	Was
E/RH/S267	We rattled through an endless labyrinth of gas-lit streets until we emerged into Farrington Street.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	rattled
	emerged
E/RH/S268	"We are close there now," my friend remarked.
E/RH/S269 (i)	"This fellow Merryweather is a bank director, and personally interested in the matter.
E/RH/S269 (ii)	I thought it as well to have Jones with us also.
E/RH/S269 (iii)	He is not a bad fellow, though an absolute imbecile in his profession.
E/RH/S269 (iv)	He has one positive virtue.
E/RH/S269 (v)	He is as brave as a bulldog and as tenacious as a lobster if he gets his claws upon anyone.
E/RH/S269 (vi)	Here we are, and they are waiting for us."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
E/DII/(0270	thought
E/RH/S270	We had reached the same crowded thoroughfare in which we had found ourselves in the morning.
E/RH/S271	Our cabs were dismissed , and, following the guidance of Mr. Merryweather, we passed down a narrow passage and through a side door, which
	he opened for us.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	were dismissed
	passed
E/DII/0272	opened
E/RH/S272	Within there was a small corridor, which ended in a very massive iron gate.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was ended
E/RH/S273	This also was opened , and led down a flight of winding stone steps, which terminated at another formidable gate.
E/ND/32/3	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was opened
	led
	terminated
E/RH/S274	Mr. Merryweather stopped to light a lantern, and then conducted us down a dark, earth-smelling passage, and so, after opening a third door, into
L/MI/34/4	1911. Med by weather stopped to right a fainterin, and then conducted us down a dark, earth-sinering passage, and so, after opening a third door, into

	a huge vault or cellar, which was piled all round with crates and massive boxes.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	stopped
	conducted
	was piled
E/RH/S275	"You are not very vulnerable from above," Holmes remarked as he held up the lantern and gazed about him.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	held
	gazed
E/RH/S276	"Nor from below," said Mr. Merryweather, striking his stick upon the flags which lined the floor.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	lined
E/RH/S277	"Why, dear me, it sounds quite hollow!" he remarked, looking up in surprise.
E/RH/S278	"I must really ask you to be a little more quiet!" said Holmes severely.
E/KH/3278	I must really ask you to be a fittle more quiet: said fromies severery.
E/RH/S279 (i)	"You have already imperilled the whole success of our expedition.
E/RH/S279 (ii)	Might I beg that you would have the goodness to sit down upon one of those boxes, and not to interfere?"
E/RH/S280	The solemn Mr. Merryweather perched himself upon a crate, with a very injured expression upon his face, while Holmes fell upon his knees upon
E/KII/3280	the floor and, with the lantern and a magnifying lens, began to examine minutely the cracks between the stones.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	perched
	fell
E/RH/S281	began A few seconds sufficed to satisfy him, for he sprang to his feet again and put his glass in his pocket.
E/KII/3201	
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE sufficed
E/DII/C202 (:)	"We have at least on how before us?" he remarked "for they can headly take any stone until the good novembroker is defally in hed
E/RH/S282 (i)	"We have at least an hour before us," he remarked, "for they can hardly take any steps until the good pawnbroker is safely in bed.
E/RH/S282 (ii)	Then they will not lose a minute, for the sooner they do their work the longer time they will have for their escape.
E/RH/S282 (iii)	We are at present, Doctor—as no doubt you have divined—in the cellar of the City branch of one of the principal London banks.
E/RH/S282 (iv)	Mr. Merryweather is the chairman of directors, and he will explain to you that there are reasons why the more daring criminals of London should
	take a considerable interest in this cellar at present."
E/RH/S283	"It is our French gold," whispered the director.

E/RH/S284	"We have had several warnings that an attempt might be made upon it."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	made
E/RH/S285	"Your French gold?"
E/RH/S286 (i)	"Yes.
E/RH/S286 (ii)	We had occasion some months ago to strengthen our resources and borrowed for that purpose 30,000 napoleons from the Bank of France.
E/RH/S286 (iii)	It has become known that we have never had occasion to unpack the money, and that it is still lying in our cellar.
E/RH/S286 (iv)	The crate upon which I sit contains 2,000 napoleons packed between layers of lead foil.
E/RH/S286 (v)	Our reserve of bullion is much larger at present than is usually kept in a single branch office, and the directors have had misgivings upon the
	subject."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	had
	borrowed
	packed
	kept
E/RH/S287	"Which were very well justified," observed Holmes.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	were
	observed
E/RH/S288 (i)	"And now it is time that we arranged our little plans.
E/RH/S288 (ii)	I expect that within an hour matters will come to a head.
E/RH/S288 (iii)	In the meantime Mr. Merryweather, we must put the screen over that dark lantern."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	arranged
E/RH/S289	"And sit in the dark?"
E/RH/S290 (i)	"I am afraid so.
E/RH/S290 (ii)	I had brought a pack of cards in my pocket, and I thought that, as we were a <i>partie carrée</i> , you might have your rubber after all.
E/RH/S290 (iii)	But I see that the enemy's preparations have gone so far that we cannot risk the presence of a light.
E/RH/S290 (iv)	And, first of all, we must choose our positions.
E/RH/S290 (v)	These are daring men, and though we shall take them at a disadvantage, they may do us some harm unless we are careful.
E/RH/S290 (vi)	I shall stand behind this crate, and do you conceal yourselves behind those.
E/RH/S290 (vii)	Then, when I flash a light upon them, close in swiftly.
E/RH/S290 (viii)	If they fire, Watson, have no compunction about shooting them down."
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE

	thought
	were
E/RH/S291	I placed my revolver, cocked, upon the top of the wooden case behind which I crouched.
E/RH/S291	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	placed
	cocked
E/DII/0202	crouched
E/RH/S292	Holmes shot the slide across the front of his lantern and left us in pitch darkness—such an absolute darkness as I have never before experienced.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	shot
T (D11)(G100	left
E/RH/S293	The smell of hot metal remained to assure us that the light was still there, ready to flash out at a moment's notice.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	remained
	was
E/RH/S294	To me, with my nerves worked up to a pitch of expectancy, there was something depressing and subduing in the sudden gloom, and in the cold
	dank air of the vault.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	worked
	was
E/RH/S295	"They have but one retreat," whispered Holmes.
E/RH/S296 (i)	"That is back through the house into Saxe-Coburg Square.
E/RH/S296 (ii)	I hope that you have done what I asked you, Jones?"
L/KH/5290 (II)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	asked
E/RH/S297	"I have an inspector and two officers waiting at the front door."
E/KH/3297	Thave an inspector and two officers waiting at the front door.
E/RH/S298 (i)	"Then we have stopped all the holes.
E/RH/S298 (ii)	And now we must be silent and wait."
E/DII/G200	X71 () 1 1
E/RH/S299	What a time it seemed!
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	seemed
E/RH/S300	From comparing notes afterwards it was but an hour and a quarter, yet it appeared to me that the night must have almost gone, and the dawn be
	breaking above us.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE

	was
	appeared
E/RH/S301	My limbs were weary and stiff, for I feared to change my position; yet my nerves were worked up to the highest pitch of tension, and my
	hearing was so acute that I could not only hear the gentle breathing of my companions, but I could distinguish the deeper, heavier in-breath of the
	bulky Jones from the thin, sighing note of the bank director.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	were
	feared
	were worked
E/RH/S302	From my position I could look over the case in the direction of the floor.
E/RH/S303	Suddenly my eyes caught the glint of a light.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	caught
E/RH/S304	At first it was but a lurid spark upon the stone pavement.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
E/DII/G207	was
E/RH/S305	Then it lengthened out until it became a yellow line, and then, without any warning or sound, a gash seemed to open and a hand appeared , a
	white, almost womanly hand, which felt about in the centre of the little area of light.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE lengthened
	seemed
	appeared
	felt
E/RH/S306	For a minute or more the hand, with its writhing fingers, protruded out of the floor.
L/KH/5500	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	protruded
E/RH/S307	Then it was withdrawn as suddenly as it appeared , and all was dark again save the single lurid spark which marked a chink between the stones.
2/141/2007	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
	appeared
	was
	marked
E/RH/S308	Its disappearance, however, was but momentary.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	was
E/RH/S309	With a rending, tearing sound, one of the broad, white stones turned over upon its side and left a square, gaping hole, through which streamed
	the light of a lantern.

	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	turned
	left
	streamed
E/RH/S310	Over the edge there peeped a clean-cut, boyish face, which looked keenly about it, and then, with a hand on either side of the aperture, drew
	itself shoulder-high and waist-high, until one knee rested upon the edge.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	peeped
	looked
	drew
	rested
E/RH/S311	In another instant he stood at the side of the hole and was hauling after him a companion, lithe and small like himself, with a pale face and a
	shock of very red hair.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	stood
E/RH/S312	"It's all clear," he whispered.
E/RH/S313 (i)	"Have you the chisel and the bags?
E/RH/S313 (ii)	Great Scott!
E/RH/S313 (iii)	Jump, Archie, jump, and I'll swing for it!"
E/RH/S314	Sherlock Holmes had sprung out and seized the intruder by the collar.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	seized
E/RH/S315	The other dived down the hole, and I heard the sound of rending cloth as Jones clutched at his skirts.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	dived
	heard
	clutched
E/RH/S316	The light flashed upon the barrel of a revolver, but Holmes' hunting crop came down on the man's wrist, and the pistol clinked upon the stone
	floor.
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE
	flashed
	came
	clinked
E/RH/S317 (i)	"It's no use, John Clay," said Holmes blandly.
E/RH/S317 (ii)	"You have no chance at all."

E/RH/S318	"So I see," the other answered with the utmost coolness.
E/RH/S319	"I fancy that my pal is all right, though I see you have got his coat-tails."
E/RH/S320	"There are three men waiting for him at the door," said Holmes.
E/RH/S321 (i) E/RH/S321 (ii)	"Oh, indeed! You seem to have done the thing very completely. I must compliment you."
E/RH/S322	"And I you," Holmes answered.
E/RH/S323	"Your red-headed idea was very new and effective." BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was
E/RH/S324	"You'll see your pal again presently," said Jones.
E/RH/S325 (i) E/RH/S325 (ii)	"He's quicker at climbing down holes than I am. Just hold out while I fix the derbies."
E/RH/S326	"I beg that you will not touch me with your filthy hands," remarked our prisoner as the handcuffs clattered upon his wrists. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE clattered
E/RH/S327 (i)	"You may not be aware that I have royal blood in my veins.
E/RH/S327 (ii)	Have the goodness, also, when you address me always to say 'sir' and 'please.' "
E/RH/S328	"All right," said Jones with a stare and a snigger.
E/RH/S329	"Well, would you please, sir, march upstairs, where we can get a cab to carry your Highness to the police-station?"
E/RH/S330	"That is better," said John Clay serenely.
E/RH/S331	He made a sweeping bow to the three of us and walked quietly off in the custody of the detective. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE made

	walked					
E/RH/S332 (i)	"Really, Mr. Holmes," said Mr. Merryweather as we followed them from the cellar, "I do not know how the bank can thank you or repay you.					
E/RH/S332 (ii)	There is no doubt that you have detected and defeated in the most complete manner one of the most determined attempts at bank robbery that					
	have ever come within my experience."					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	followed					
E/RH/S333	"I have had one or two little scores of my own to settle with Mr. John Clay," said Holmes.					
E/RH/S334	"I have been at some small expense over this matter, which I shall expect the bank to refund, but beyond that I am amply repaid by having had					
E/KH/3554	an experience which is in many ways unique, and by hearing the very remarkable narrative of the Red-headed League."					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	repaid					
E/RH/S335 (i)	"You see, Watson," he explained in the early hours of the morning as we sat over a glass of whisky and soda in Baker Street, "it was perfectly					
L/K(1/5555 (1)	obvious from the first that the only possible object of this rather fantastic business of the advertisement of the League, and the copying of the					
	Encyclopaedia, must be to get this not over-bright pawnbroker out of the way for a number of hours every day.					
E/RH/S335 (ii)	It was a curious way of managing it, but, really, it would be difficult to suggest a better.					
E/RH/S335 (iii)	The method was no doubt suggested to Clay's ingenious mind by the colour of his accomplice's hair.					
E/RH/S335 (iv)	The £4 a week was a lure which must draw him, and what was it to them, who were playing for thousands?					
E/RH/S335 (v)	They put in the advertisement, one rogue has the temporary office, the other rogue incites the man to apply for it, and together they manage to					
2,141,5000 (1)	secure his absence every morning in the week.					
E/RH/S335 (vi)	From the time that I heard of the assistant having come for half wages, it was obvious to me that he had some strong motive for securing the					
, , , , ,	situation."					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	explained					
	sat					
	was					
	was					
	was					
	suggested					
	was					
	was					
	heard					
	was					
	had					
E/RH/S336	"But how could you guess what the motive was?"					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	was					

E/RH/S337	"Had there been women in the house, I should have suspected a mere vulgar intrigue.				
E/RH/S338	That, however, was out of the question.				
E/RH/S339	The man's business was a small one, and there was nothing in his house which could account for such elaborate preparations, and such an expenditure as they were at. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE				
	was was were				
E/RH/S340	It must, then, be something out of the house.				
E/RH/S341	What could it be?				
E/RH/S342	I thought of the assistant's fondness for photography, and his trick of vanishing into the cellar. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE thought				
E/RH/S343	The cellar!				
E/RH/S344	There was the end of this tangled clue. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was				
E/RH/S345	Then I made inquiries as to this mysterious assistant and found that I had to deal with one of the coolest and most daring criminals in London. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE made found had				
E/RH/S346	He was doing something in the cellar—something which took many hours a day for months on end. BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE was took				
E/RH/S347	What could it be, once more?				
E/RH/S348	I could think of nothing save that he was running a tunnel to some other building.				

E/RH/S349 (i)	"So far I had got when we went to visit the scene of action.						
E/RH/S349 (ii)	I surprised you by beating upon the pavement with my stick.						
E/RH/S349 (iii)	I was ascertaining whether the cellar stretched out in front or behind.						
E/RH/S349 (iv)	It was not in front.						
E/RH/S349 (v)	Then I rang the bell, and, as I hoped, the assistant answered it.						
E/RH/S349 (vi)	We have had some skirmishes, but we had never set eyes upon each other before.						
E/RH/S349 (vii)	I hardly looked at his face.						
E/RH/S349 (viii)	His knees were what I wished to see.						
E/RH/S349 (ix)	You must yourself have remarked how worn, wrinkled, and stained they were .						
E/RH/S349 (x)	They spoke of those hours of burrowing.						
E/RH/S349 (xi)	The only remaining point was what they were burrowing for.						
E/RH/S349 (xii)	I walked round the corner, saw the City and Suburban Bank abutted on our friend's premises, and felt that I had solved my problem.						
E/RH/S349 (xiii)	When you drove home after the concert I called upon Scotland Yard and upon the chairman of the bank directors, with the result that you have						
,	seen."						
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE						
	went						
	surprised						
	stretched						
	was						
	rang						
	hoped answered looked						
	were						
	wished						
	stained						
	were						
	spoke						
	was						
	walked						
	saw						
	abutted						
	felt						
	drove						
	called						
E/RH/S350	"And how could you tell that they would make their attempt to-night?" I asked.						
E/RH/S351 (i)	"Well, when they closed their League offices that was a sign that they cared no longer about Mr. Jabez Wilson's presence—in other words, that						
	they had completed their tunnel.						

E/RH/S351 (ii)	But it was essential that they should use it soon, as it might be discovered , or the bullion might be removed.					
E/RH/S351 (iii)	Saturday would suit them better than any other day, as it would give them two days for their escape.					
E/RH/S351 (iv)						
2/141/2001 (11)	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	closed					
	was					
	cared					
	was					
	discovered					
	expected					
E/RH/S352	"You reasoned it out beautifully," I exclaimed in unfeigned admiration.					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	reasoned					
	exclaimed					
E/RH/S353	"It is so long a chain, and yet every link rings true."					
E/RH/S354	"It saved me from ennui," he answered, yawning.					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	saved					
	answered					
E/RH/S355 (i)	"Alas! I already feel it closing in upon me.					
E/RH/S355 (ii)	My life is spent in one long effort to escape from the commonplaces of existence.					
E/RH/S355 (iii)	These little problems help me to do so."					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	spent					
E/RH/S356	"And you are a benefactor of the race," said I.					
E/RH/S357	He shrugged his shoulders.					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	shrugged					
E/RH/S358	"Well, perhaps, after all, it is of some little use," he remarked.					
E/RH/S359	"'L'homme c'est rien—l'oeuvre c'est tout,' as Gustave Flaubert wrote to George Sand."					
	BASIC MEANINGS OF THE PAST TENSE					
	wrote					