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6. Adjective

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8. Verb - Past Tense

9. Noun

10. Noun

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13. Verb - Base Form

14. Exclamation

15. Noun

16. Part Of Body

17. Adjective

18. Noun

19. Location

20. Part Of Body

21. Adjective

22. Verb - Past Tense

23. Adjective _____

24. Color _____

25. Noun _____

26. Pronoun _____

27. Adjective _____

28. Noun - Plural _____

29. Verb - Base Form _____

30. Article Of Clothing _____

31. Occupation _____

32. Adjective _____

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Watson had been _____ Verb - Present ends in ING his companion _____ Adverb ever since he had sat down to the breakfast table. Holmes happened to look up and _____ Verb - Base Form his eye.

"Well, Watson, what are you _____ Verb - Present ends in ING about?" he asked.

"About you."

"Me?"

"Yes, Holmes. I was _____ Verb - Present ends in ING how superficial are these tricks of yours, and how _____ Adjective it is that the public should continue to show interest in them."

"I quite agree," said Holmes. "In fact, I have a recollection that I have myself made a similar _____ Noun."

"Your methods," said Watson severely, "are really easily _____ Verb - Past Tense."

"No doubt," Holmes answered with a _____ Noun. "Perhaps you will yourself give an example of this method of reasoning."

"With _____ Noun _____," said Watson. "I am able to say that you were greatly preoccupied when you got up this morning."

"_____ Exclamation _____!" said Holmes. "How could you possibly know that?"

"Because you are _____ Adverb _____ a very tidy man and yet you have forgotten to _____ Verb - Base Form _____."

"_____ Exclamation _____ me! How very clever!" said Holmes. "I had no idea, Watson, that you were so apt a _____ Noun _____. Has your eagle _____ Part of Body _____ detected anything more?"

"Yes, Holmes. You have a client named Barlow, and you have not been _____ Adjective _____ with his case."

"Dear me, how could you know that?"

"I saw the name outside his _____ Noun _____. When you opened it you gave a groan and thrust it into your _____ Location _____ with a frown on your _____ Part of Body _____."

"Admirable! You are indeed observant. Any other points?"

"I fear, Holmes, that you have taken to _____ Adjective speculation."

"How could you tell that, Watson?"

"You _____ Verb - Past Tense the paper, turned to the financial page, and gave a loud exclamation of interest."

"Well, that is very _____ Adjective of you, Watson. Any more?"

"Yes, Holmes, you have put on your _____ color coat, instead of your dressing gown, which proves that you are expecting some important visitor at once."

"Anything more?"

"I have no doubt that I could find other points, Holmes, but I only give you these few, in order to show you that there are other _____ Noun in the world who can be as clever as _____ Pronoun."

"And some not so clever," said Holmes. "I admit that they are few, but I am afraid, my dear Watson, that I must count you among them."

"What do you mean, Holmes?"

"Well, my dear fellow, I fear your deductions have not been so _____ Adjective as I should have wished."

"You mean that I was mistaken."

"Just a little that way, I fear. Let us take the _____ Noun - Plural in their order: I did not _____ Verb - Base Form

because I have sent my razor to be sharpened. I put on my _____ article of clothing because I have, worse luck, an early meeting with my _____ occupation. His name is Barlow, and the letter was to confirm the appointment.

The cricket page is beside the financial one, and I turned to it to find if Surrey was holding its own against Kent.

But go on, Watson, go on! It 's a very _____ Adjective trick, and no doubt you will soon acquire it."