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1. Verb - Present Ends In Ing _____
2. Adverb _____
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6. Adjective _____
7. Noun _____
8. Verb - Past Tense _____
9. Noun _____
10. Noun _____
11. Exclamation _____
12. Adverb _____
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 your 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."

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