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**THE RETURN OF  
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**  
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*V.—The Adventure of the Priory School.*

**W**E have had some dramatic entrances and exits upon our small stage at Baker Street, but I cannot recollect anything more sudden and startling than the first appearance of Dr. Thorneycroft Hustable, M.A., Ph.D., etc. His card, which seemed too small to carry the weight of his academic distinctions, preceded him by a few seconds, and then he entered himself—so large, so pompous, and so dignified that he was the very embodiment of self-possession and solidity. And yet his first action when the door had closed behind him was to stagger against the table, whence he slipped down upon the floor, and there was that majestic figure prostrate and insensible upon our bearskin hearthrug.

We had sprung to our feet, and for a few moments we stared in silent amazement at this ponderous piece of wreckage, which told of some sudden and fatal storm far out on the ocean of life. Then Holmes hurried with a cushion for his head and I with brandy for his lips. The heavy white face was seamed with lines of trouble, the hanging pouches under the closed eyes were leaden in colour, the loose mouth drooped dolorously at the corners, the rolling chins were unshaven. Collar and shirt bore the grime of a long journey, and the hair bristled unkempt from the well-shaped head. It was a sorely-stricken man who lay before us.

"What is it, Watson?" asked Holmes.

"Absolute exhaustion—possibly mere hunger and fatigue," said I, with my finger on the thready pulse, where the stream of life trickled thin and small.

"Return ticket from Mackleton, in the North of England," said Holmes, drawing it from the watch-pocket. "It is not twelve o'clock yet. He has certainly been an early starter."

The puckered eyelids had begun to quiver, and now a pair of vacant, grey eyes looked up at us. An instant later the man had scrambled on to his feet, his face crimson with shame.

"Forgive this weakness, Mr. Holmes; I have been a little overrought. Thank you, if I might have a glass of milk and a biscuit I have no doubt that I should be better. I came personally, Mr. Holmes, in order to ensure that you would return with me. I feared that no telegram would convince you of the absolute urgency of the case."

"When you are quite restored—"

"I am quite well again. I cannot imagine how I came to be so weak. I wish you, Mr. Holmes, to come to Mackleton with me by the next train."

My friend shook his head.

"My colleague, Dr. Watson, could tell you that we are very busy at present. I am retained in this case of the Ferrers Documents, and the Abergavenny murder is coming up for trial. Only a very important issue could call me from London at present."

"Important!" Our visitor threw up his hands. "Have you heard nothing of the abduction of the only son of the Duke of Holderness?"

"What! the late Cabinet Minister?"

"Exactly. We had tried to keep it out of the papers, but there was some rumour in the *Globe* last night. I thought it might have reached your ears."

Holmes shot out his long, thin arm and picked out Volume "H" in his encyclopaedia of reference.

"Holderness, 6th Duke, K.G., P.C.—half the alphabet!" "Baron Beverley, Earl of

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## **SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES**

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle  
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

# **The Return of Sherlock Holmes The Adventure of the Priory School, Part 2**

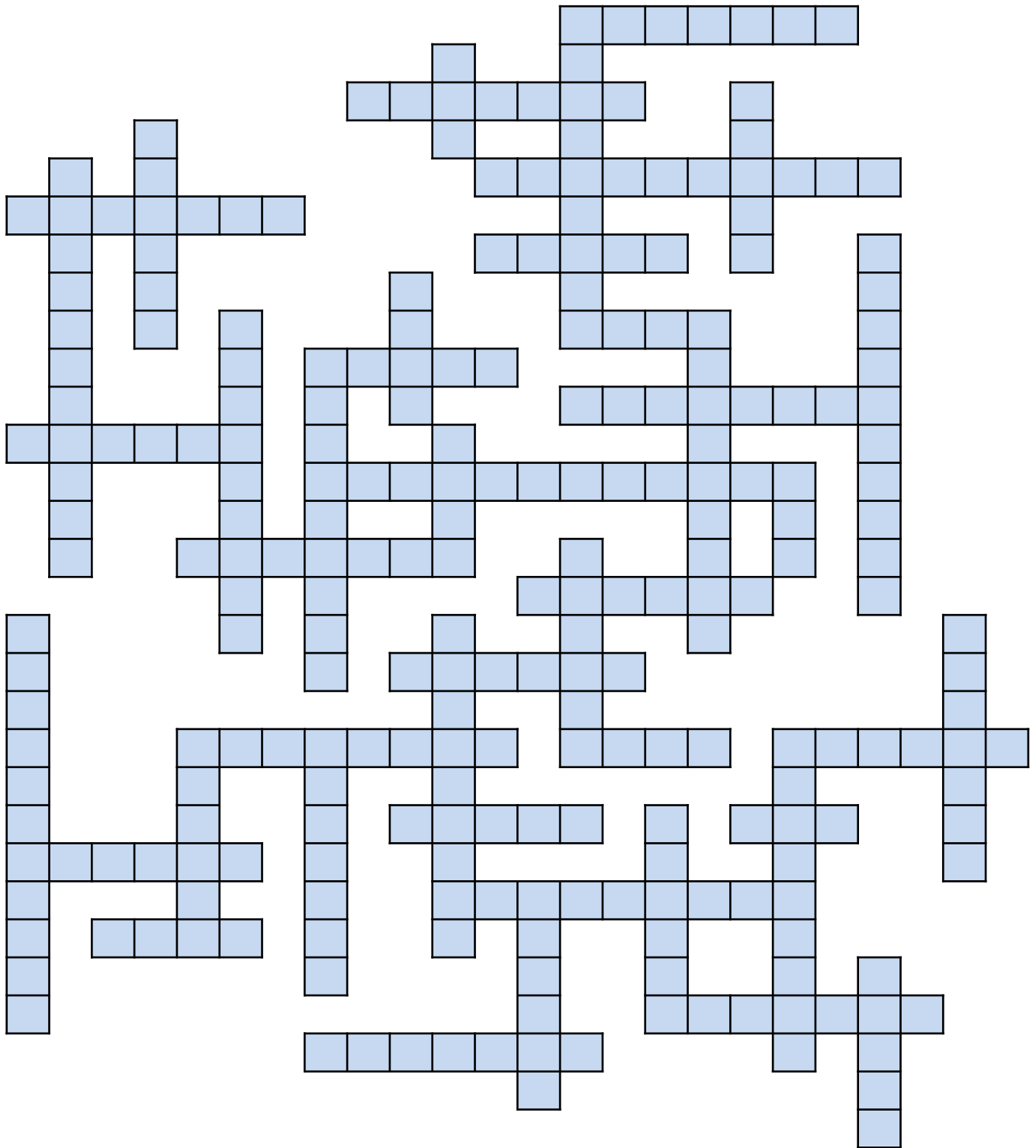
**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.  
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of  
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,  
vols. 1 and 2**



# The Priory School (Puzzle #5)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



- |      |       |        |         |         |           |           |              |
|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| DOG  | SELF  | WRONG  | MORASS  | BISCUIT |           |           |              |
| PAT  | WAYS  | ALLUDE | PLOVER  | BRACING | UNKEMPT   | NOCTURNAL | INEXORABLE   |
| RED  | CHAIN | CURLEW | QUIVER  | CHEVRON | LUCIDITY  | PONDEROUS | REVERENTLY   |
| COAT | CROSS | HALLOA | SODDEN  | IMPLORE | SINGULAR  | PROSTRATE | EXHORTATION  |
| FOOT | DRAWN | LEADEN | SUPPLE  | PRELUDE | ABHORRENT | SOVEREIGN | OVERWROUGHT  |
| GONG | ELDER | MOBILE | AVIDITY | STATELY | FUGITIVES | WAISTCOAT | SCHOOLMASTER |

# The Priory School (Puzzle #6)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.

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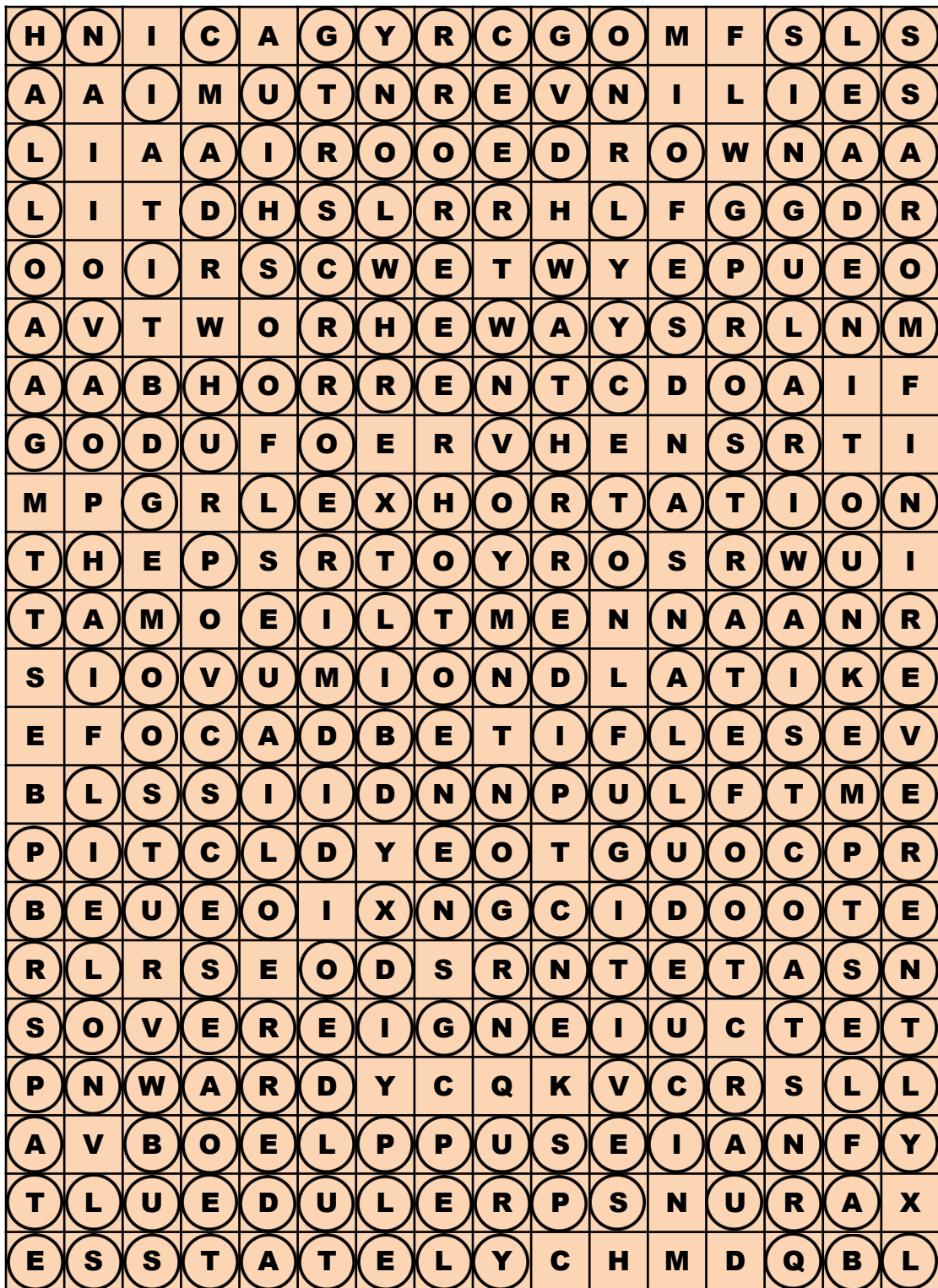
### Across

1. **Having an untidy or disheveled appearance**
5. \_\_\_\_ - of - arms
6. Toward the rear of a ship
8. **Dull gray**
11. Person's manner of walking
12. **Unusual**
13. **Line or stripe in the shape of a V on a sleeve or cap**
15. \_\_\_\_ - herring; draws attention away from the central issue
16. Of strong or firm construction
18. Troubles or afflicts someone in mind or body
20. **Male teacher in a school**
22. **Cloven - \_\_\_\_; divided or cleft hoof**
25. **Eagerness**
27. **Sol**
29. \_\_\_\_ - cart; cart with two seats placed back-to-back
30. **Plead; beg**
32. Exciting or notable activities
35. Move quickly and suddenly
37. **Tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion**
38. Surprise attack to commit a crime
39. Quietly cry
40. Not brightly lit
42. **Having a dignified and grand manner**
43. External part of the mouth
44. **Lying stretched out on the ground**
49. Period before an event; previous time
51. Be harmonious or consistent with
53. **Number of connected items or names written or printed consecutively**
54. **Not capable of being persuaded by entreaty**
56. **Looking strained from illness or exhaustion**
57. \_\_\_\_ - possession
59. Happen or occur afterward or as a result
60. **Gold coin worth one pound**

### Down

1. Unattractive
2. Outlast; remain
3. **Dull; laborious; or excessively solemn**
4. **Night-time**
7. **Persons who have escaped from a place**
9. **Mention without discussing at length**
10. **Fresh and invigorating**
11. **Dinner - \_\_\_\_**
12. \_\_\_\_ - slip; move to left or right
14. **Expression of welcome**
17. \_\_\_\_ - confidences
19. **Able to move freely or easily**
21. **Inspiring disgust and loathing; repugnant**
23. **Clarity of expression**
24. **Vest**
26. **Evil**
28. **Prevent from happening; make impossible**
31. **Visual representation of a geographic area**
33. **Brownish, long-legged shore bird**
34. **Bending and moving easily; flexible**
36. **With deep and solemn respect**
39. **Manner by which actions are conducted**
41. **Area of low-lying soggy ground**
42. **Pertaining to the back**
45. **Existing**
46. **Piece of written or printed material**
47. \_\_\_\_ - headed
48. **Wading bird with a rounded body**
50. **Older in age**
52. **Watch - \_\_\_\_**
55. **Employs**
56. **Raised platform**
58. **Container made of ceramic or metal used for cooking**

# The Priory School (Puzzle #4)



I AM FAMILIAR WITH FOR -  
 TY - TWO DIFFERENT IM -  
 PRESSIONS LEFT BY TIRES

# The Priory School (Puzzle #5)

