



“My word, it does not seem a very cheerful place,” said Detective Lestrade with a shiver, glancing round him at the gloomy slopes of the hill and at the huge lake of fog which lay over the Grimpen Mire. “I see the lights of a house ahead of us.”

“That is Merripit House and the end of our journey, said Sherlock Holmes. “I must request you to walk on tiptoe and not to talk above a whisper.”

We moved cautiously along the track as if we were bound for the house, but Holmes halted us when we were about two hundred yards from it.

“This will do,” he said. “These rocks upon the right make an admirable screen.”

“We are to wait here?”

“Yes, we shall make our little ambush here. Get into this hollow, Lestrade. You have been inside the house, haven’t you, Watson? Can you tell the position of the rooms? What are those latticed windows at this end?”

“I think they are the kitchen windows.”

“And the one beyond, which shines so brightly?”

“That is definitely the dining room.”

“The blinds are up. You know the lie of the land best. Creep forward quietly and see what they are doing - but for heaven’s sake don’t let them know that they are being watched!”

I tiptoed down the path and stooped behind the low wall which surrounded the stunted orchard. Creeping in its shadow I reached a point from where I could look straight through the window.

(Adapted from *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

1. There was fog over the Grimpen Mire. A mire is...
  - A. a kind of lake.
  - B. a kind of river.
  - C. a stretch of boggy ground.
  - D. a stretch of hilly ground.
  
2. Why did Holmes say they should walk on tiptoe and not talk above a whisper?
  - A. So that they could hear anyone approaching them.
  - B. So that they could hear what he was saying.
  - C. So that they wouldn't be noticed.
  - D. So that they could hear the sound of voices coming from Merripit House.
  
3. How many people were walking along the track?
  - A. Two.
  - B. Three.
  - C. Four.
  - D. Five.
  
4. Why did they stop near Merripit House?
  - A. They weren't sure what to do next.
  - B. They saw somebody moving around inside the house.
  - C. Lestrade didn't want to move any nearer to the house.
  - D. Holmes saw somewhere they could hide.
  
5. Why did Watson continue walking along the path alone?
  - A. He was brave.
  - B. He was familiar with the location.
  - C. He didn't realize Holmes had stopped.
  - D. He had decided to enter the house.
  
6. What did Watson do when he reached the wall?
  - A. He crouched down.
  - B. He stepped over.
  - C. He jumped over.
  - D. He lay down.
  
7. Which of the following statements is true?
  - A. Sherlock Holmes had been in the house before.
  - B. Watson had been in the house before.
  - C. Holmes stopped just outside the house.
  - D. There was nobody in the house.