

Challenging reading and comprehension Answer key

Unit 7

Comprehension 3

- 1 because there was an announcement calling him to Room 212
- 2 Yes, the staff at the school often ask Sherlock to help solve mysteries. It is mentioned in the story that 'it felt like his name was called over the intercom at least once per day' and as soon as he arrived at Room 212, he assumed it was about a crime. *(any reasonable answer)*
- 3 to look for clues that might relate to a crime
- 4 taking stock of the room/picking out unusual details
- 5 because her late/dead brother had given it to her
- 6 i) hamster
ii) nibble
iii) desk
iv) asked
- 7 (the green nail polish was) as vivid as radioactive slime
- 8 i) NG
ii) T
iii) NG
iv) F
- 9 because he thought it belonged to the thief
- 10 i) confiscated
ii) culprit
iii) contaminate
- 11 A
- 12 No, Ms Hill did not believe the ring was in the classroom. She asked Sherlock why he wasn't searching the rest of the school to find the person who stole the ring. *(any reasonable answer)*
- 13 because he/she saw Ms Hill searching the students' bags
- 14 The purpose of paragraph 8 is to explain the answer to the mystery and show how Sherlock solved the crime. *(any reasonable answer)*
- 15 the ring
- 16 thankful, silly, joyful
- 17 3
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- 18 i) Cherry
ii) Sherlock found out that the green nail polish belonged to Cherry. This same green nail polish was on the hamster cage and the ring. *(any reasonable answer)*
- 19 It is possible that Cherry did not mean to steal the ring. Perhaps Ms Hill dropped it and Cherry found it, but she was afraid that Ms Hill would think she had stolen it, so she hid it in the hamster's cage. *(any reasonable response)*