

Answer key

Comprehension 2

- 1** The writer had been introduced as Sherlock Holmes' 'capable associate'./The writer wanted to look capable. (any reasonable answer)
- 2** A
- 3** (i) phone
(ii) clumsily/awkwardly
(iii) quickly/proficiently
(iv) frequently/regularly
- 4** a) i) moved to cheap basement office (any reasonable answer)
ii) cut employees down to one assistant (any reasonable answer)
b) business had been slow/he did not have enough money (any reasonable answer)
- 5** (i) Combat prejudice against redheads
(ii) Social media marketer
(iii) Manage our/the charity's social media account
(iv) (Have) red hair
(v) Mr Andrews
- 6** entail
- 7** B
- 8** i) Sherlock bursts out laughing because he finds Mr Wilson's story silly. (any reasonable answer)
ii) It makes Mr Wilson feel embarrassed. (any reasonable answer)
- 9** Sherlock calls 999/the police.
- 10** The writer does not understand how/is amazed that Sherlock solved the case. (any reasonable answer)
- 11** He finds it easy/simple. (any reasonable answer)
- 12** i) He pretended to visit the wrong address to look at Spaulding's trousers. (any reasonable answer)
ii) He stomped on the ground to determine the direction of the tunnel. (any reasonable answer)

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Unit 7

- 13** (i) pitch the ridiculous job (at the Red-Headed League) to Mr Wilson
(ii) to keep him away from his office
(iii) Why did Mr Andrews need Mr Wilson's office/keep Mr Wilson out of his office?
(iv) to rob the City Bank

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- 15** (i) scrutinizing
(ii) enterprise
(iii) demeanour
(iv) betrays
(v) motive