

The Case of the Missing Watson

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Sherlock Holmes	The Game is afoot!
Dr. Watson	Brilliant Holmes
Detective	I Spy!
Investigate	Elementary
Old Soldiers	Yes, Sir! Yes, Sir!

Ever wonder how **Dr. Watson** and **Sherlock Holmes** got together? They were the best detective team that ever **investigated** anything. You remember all the stories **Dr. Watson** chronicled or wrote? **Sherlock Holmes** was a consulting detective and poor old **Dr. Watson** wrote stories about their investigations. The way I heard their story went something like this:

One foggy morning in old London town **Sherlock Holmes** went to the corner newsstand on Baker Street to investigate the news to see if there were any advertisements for jobs for a Consulting **Detective**. Well, low and behold! There was one that just jumped off the page, literally!! (That's a word use in literature). Anyway, somebody needed **Sherlock Holmes** to **investigate** the disappearance of a local Doctor.

Sherlock Holmes hurried 'round to the address listed in the paper to detect if there were possibilities to **investigate** this disappearing act done by a **Dr. Watson**. When he reached the structure he found that the ad had been placed by the landlady/housekeeper of an **Old Soldiers'** home. A really boring place, wherein resided a group of **Old Soldiers** from the Boer War. In chatting with the **Old Soldiers** there and the landlady/housekeeper he was really investigating the activities of **Dr. Watson**. From the information he got from the **Old Soldiers** and the landlady/housekeeper, Mrs. Jones-Ridley, he detected that investigating this case of the missing **Dr. Watson** could turn out to be the best chance for **Sherlock Holmes** to make a NAME for himself.

The game was now officially "afoot"; he put his foot on the sidewalk and started to do what a **detective** always does, put the pieces together. **Sherlock Holmes** had gathered all of this:

- Item 1. **Dr. Watson** was an "**Old Soldier**".
- Item 2. He lived in a very boring place with others from the Boer War.
- Item 3. Not much went on there.
- Item 4. **Dr. Watson** liked to tell stories, mostly about that war.
- Item 5. **Dr. Watson** had run out of new stories and was very bored!

Elementary!! He shouted for all in the street to hear and **Sherlock Holmes** hailed a hansom cab (that's a horsedrawn taxicab in England). He called to the driver to take him to the nearest library to investigate the disappearance of **Dr. Watson**.

Upon reaching the library, **Sherlock Holmes** strolled through the bookcases called stacks to find **Dr. Watson**. The **Old Soldier** was trying to find new material to talk about at the **Old Soldier** home. The case was solved! The investigation was a success!! And **Sherlock Holmes** and **Dr. Watson** were forever to be partners in solving mysteries and writing stories that you can read today.