

HIDDEN MEANINGS
"What's the meaning of this?" [DYIN]

*Language binds us together as a society.
Words mean something.*

*Although we're constantly observing
language changing right before our eyes,
from new words being introduced (as always)
and even more visual elements being
introduced (such as emoji).*

*But one of the most vexing things about the
English language, aside from the spelling and
pronunciation of certain parts of speech,
must be the existence of homophones and
homonyms.*

*If you thought these words were
interchangeable, the short answer is
they're not.*

Homonyms are words with the same spelling
and pronunciation but have different
meanings.

Homophones are words with the same
pronunciation, but different spellings and
meanings.

Homographs are words spelled the same but
have different pronunciations and meanings.

*The boys are still learning a thing or two
about the language, and this lesson comes
not from their English or Language Arts
teacher, but from Sherlock Holmes
himself...*

**STAMFORD, I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO TRY
AND IMPLEMENT WHAT YOU CALL 'CASUAL
FRIDAY,' BUT THIS IS JUST A BIT TOO MUCH..**

**OH JOHN, IT HAS
POSSIBILITIES. HOWEVER, I AM
HELPING SHERLOCK ON A CASE.**



REALLY? THAT'S WONDERFUL, BUT WHY THE BROWN DRESSING GOWN?

I'M IN DISGUISE. YET, YOUR EYES ARE MISLEADING YOU. THIS IS MY DAD'S 'MOUSE-COLOURED' GOWN, AND IN FACT IS GRAY.



**IN THIS LIGHTING, IT APPEARS BROWN.
BESIDES, WHAT TYPE OF CASE REQUIRES
SLEEPWEAR AS THE DISGUISE?**

**SHERLOCK CALLS IT "THE CASE OF
THE SLEEPING NURSERY," HENCE
THE SLEEPWEAR. I FIT RIGHT IN
TO CATCH THE CULPRIT.**



"THE CASE OF THE
SLEEPING NURSERY?
WHY DO I FEEL YOU
LEFT SOMETHING
OUT FOR POOR
STAMFORD.

ME? MISLEAD OUR
JUNIOR DETECTIVE?
WELL, IF YOU INSIST,
THERE ARE TWO ITEMS
I MUST POINT OUT.



FIRST, I MUST RESOLVE THE MATTER
OF THE DRESSING GOWN'S COLOR.

YOU MUST?

QUITE SO, WATSON. A GOOD
DETECTIVE DOES NOT LET THE
SMALLEST MATTER GO UNRESOLVED.

INDULGE US WITH
YOUR OBSERVATION.



**BOTH OF YOU ARE HALF-
RIGHT AND HALF-WRONG
ON THE COLOR...**

HOW SO...

SIMPLY PUT, IT IS TAUPE.

GRAYISH-BROWN?

CORRECT.

...NITPICKER



AND THE
SECOND
ITEM?

USING THE WORKING TITLE, YOU
MISUNDERSTOOD WHERE THE
CASE WOULD TAKE PLACE.

BASED ON THE TITLE, I THOUGHT
IT WOULD INVOLVE WHERE THE
YOUNGINS' TAKE NAPS...



IT DOES INVOLVE THE YOUNGINS'. SOME HAVE BEEN ENTERING THE GREENHOUSE, WHERE A PLANT THEY SNIFF INDUCES FAINTING. I PROPOSE STAMFORD HELP ME WITH THIS.

SORRY, SHERLOCK, THAT TITLE IS MISLEADING.

AGREED.



**I'LL REMIND YOU OF THIS YEARS FROM NOW, MASTER
'SUSSEX VAMPIRE,' 'DEVIL'S FOOT,' OR 'LION'S MANE...'**

