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Searching for Sarcasm

Sarcasm is a form of sharp humor intended to make its subject the target of contempt or ridicule. Sarcasm is often used as a form of irony in which praise is actually an insult or a critique. For example, if you have a friend who is always late, you might say sarcastically, "Right on time, as always!"

Directions: There is a lot of sarcasm in the play *Sherlock Holmes*, especially spoken by Holmes himself. Fill out the graphic organizer below by finding four examples of sarcasm and explaining what the character really meant.

Example of sarcasm	What the speaker really meant
<p>Holmes: Love what you've done with the place.</p>	<p>Holmes thinks that the way Blackwood decorated his room at the prison is creepy.</p>

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