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KV 46 The Speckled Band – the ending

First read the text. Then listen to Rob talking about the ending of the story.
 Underline the ten words that are wrong.
 Then write the correct words in the column on the right.

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<p>OK guys. So, I'm sure you all know a lot of detective stories. I think that the great thing against them is that we usually find out in the end what actually happened, who murdered who, why, how and so on ...</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Today I would like to talk to you about the heading of 'The Speckled Band'.</p>	<hr/> <hr/>
<p>Now, remember that Holmes and Dr Watson were in Helen Stoner's house to find out how her sister got kissed? Remember that there was a sound, a hiss? When Holmes lighted a watch and beat the bell-rope with his cane, they heard a terrible cry. Then Holmes said "it is all over" and went to Dr Roylott's room with Dr Watson. So what does this all mean?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Well, think about which animal could have made this missing sound! Any ideas? Or think about the title of the story: 'The Speckled Band'. Which animal looks like a hand that is speckled? A baboon or a giraffe? No! ... So the hissing sound came from a ... snake! When Holmes and Dr Watson went to Dr Roylott's room and knocked on his door, there was no answer. So they went in. And guess what they saw on Dr Roylott's hand? A speckled band – the snake! It had killed Dr Roylott. The two men took Dr Roylott's whip and put the snake in the safe – the place where Roylott had always kept it. They called the police and went to get Helen. They told her what had happened.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Dr Roylott was a clever boy. He had used the rope as a bridge through the ventilator for the snake. He trained it to come back by giving it milk. The sound of heavy metal that Ms Stoner heard was the sound of the floor of the safe when Dr Roylott put the snake back.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>In the end, Dr Roylott got himself killed. Sherlock Holmes wasn't surprised about that, he said ... I would agree. I don't feel sorry for Dr Roylott either.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>