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1. Jimmy Valentine is a 'master safe-cracker.' What is a *safe cracker*?

2. Jimmy was sentenced to 4 years in prison. How long did he think he'd be there?

How much time did he actually spend there?

What was the difference between the time he should have been in prison and the time he actually spent there?

3. The story is set in the 1920s. The author tells us that back then a prisoner with the right friends could count on them to get him out early. How did they do it?
4. Mike Nolan tells Jimmy that getting him out "took a bit more doing this time than it usually does." What do you think he means by that?
5. Did Jimmy plan to start a new life when he left prison? _____

What were his plans?

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6. What do you think of Jimmy? Do you like him? Admire him? Explain.

7. Ben Price plans to catch Jimmy again. Do you think he will?

Do want him to? Explain.

8. Why does Detective Price think it will be hard to catch Jimmy?

9. How might it be easier to catch Jimmy if he had partners instead of working by himself?

10. What do you think is going to happen next in the story? *(Please don't read ahead!)*