1. Do you think that someone was merely playing a joke on Mr. Wilson? Explain.



2. At the time this story was written, 4 pounds was a considerable amount. What do you think is going on? Why might someone have paid Mr. Wilson so much just for copying pages from a book?

3. How about Spaulding? Do you think he was in on the ruse? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are suspicious of Spaulding, explain why? If not, why not?

4. If you were Sherlock Holmes, what would want to find out?

What would you do next?

5. Had you been Jabez Wilson, would you have answered the newspaper ad? Explain.