



Maplewood Observation Challenge #007

Higgins & Sons Detective Outfitters

Observation Questions

Easy Level (Ages 7–9)

1. Can you find the man standing outside the shop?
 2. How many large display windows can you see?
 3. What color is the shop sign?
 4. How many hats can you find?
 5. Can you spot a clock?
 6. How many lamps are glowing inside?
 7. Can you find a magnifying glass?
 8. How many shelves are visible?
 9. Can you find a red box?
 10. What item would you most like to look at first?
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Detective Questions

Medium Level

1. Why do you think the man stopped outside the shop?
 2. What item inside would be most useful to a detective?
 3. Which object looks oldest?
 4. Which object seems most valuable?
 5. If you owned the store, which item would you place in the front window?
 6. Why might someone need a detective outfitter?
 7. What do you think is hidden behind the counter?
 8. Which item do you think Captain Harlene would buy first?
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Hidden Clue Hunt

Find each item:

- A hat
- A clock
- A lamp
- A magnifying glass
- A stack of books
- A red storage box
- A framed sign
- A notebook
- A display shelf
- Something made of brass

Bonus:

- Find an item that appears to belong in a mystery story.
 - Find an item that might help solve a missing-person case.
 - Find an item that might help you explore Maplewood.
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Captain Harlene's Notebook

Write down three things that caught your attention.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Now write down one thing you think most people would miss.

The Shopkeeper's Challenge

Imagine Higgins & Sons has just opened for the morning.

A customer can only purchase **one** item.

What would you choose?

Why?

Mystery Question

Look closely at the signs inside the store.

Some of the words don't seem quite right.

Why do you think that happened?

- The signs are very old
- The painter made mistakes
- The signs are written in a code
- The image captured them imperfectly
- Another reason

Explain your answer.

Grand Detective Question

You have been hired as a Junior Investigator.

You may take **one** item from Higgins & Sons to solve your next mystery.

What would you choose?

- Magnifying Glass

Notebook

Camera

Map

Clock

Binoculars

Something Else

Explain why.

Case File Extension

A note was found slipped under the door of Higgins & Sons Detective Outfitters.

It reads:

"The answer isn't hidden.

It's simply being overlooked."

What do you think that means?

Write your theory below.
