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## The Mystery of the Truant School Boy

The schoolboy has run away and left behind him in his room five clues. The professor went for the boy's mother and they puzzled over the clues to no avail, so **Sherlock** Holmes was sent for.

"These clues," said **Sherlock** Holmes, "tell the time the boy went, what he now has become and what his present duties give him charge of. I also see that he made his escape in the racing boat of the school.

"It is incomprehensible to me how you tell these things," said the professor. "Now please show me how you know he escaped in the racing boat."

"If you will study the clues," replied Holmes, "you will see the significance of this shell." Can you solve the mystery?

