

DRAWING A BLANK

"leaving blanks for the other to fill up" [REIG]

The Sherlock Holmes stories have their fill of codes and cyphers.

"The Adventure of the Dancing Men" is probably the most easily recognized and well-known.

But the clever spacing of words within a bit of nonsense writing in "The Gloria Scott" was an early code Holmes cracked, while recuperating at the country home of his university friend Victor Trevor.

In "The Reigate Squire," we find another

type of word spacing—one requiring two writers, the first of whom would leave blanks and the second who would fill those blanks with words.

Ultimately, it was the handwriting and spacing that gave them away.

Young Wiggins is trying his hand at cracking a code at Baker Street Elementary.

Will he achieve Sherlock Holmes-level status, or will he come up blank? The answer awaits...

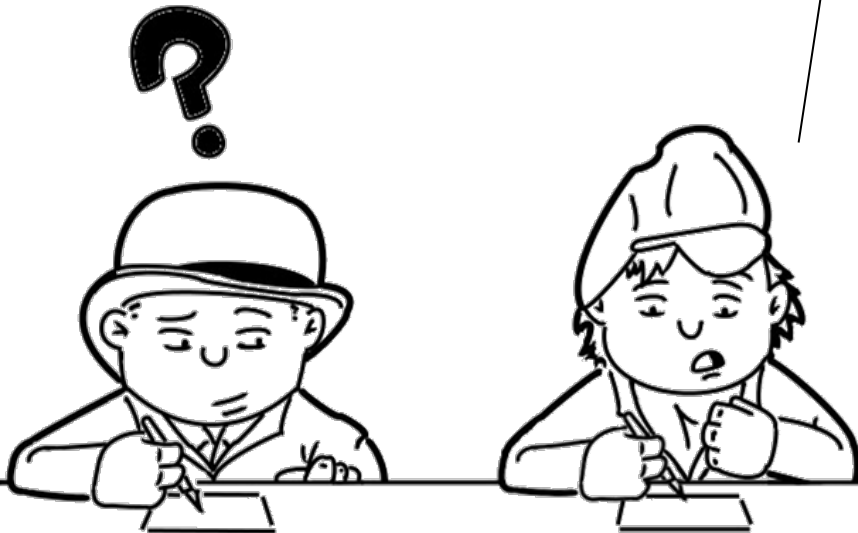
**SO THE FIRST ANSWER IS
ALMOST ALWAYS TRUE...**



THAT MEANS THE SECOND ANSWER IS FALSE,
TO BALANCE OUT THE FIRST QUESTION...THE
THIRD WILL BE FALSE TO BREAK THE
PATTERN AND CONFUSE THE STUDENTS...



THEN A TRUE, TWO FALSE'S, THREE TRUE'S IN A ROW... SHE LIKES TO TOSS IN THREE TRUE'S IN A ROW... FOUR IN A ROW WOULD JUST BE RIDICULOUS, SO THE NEXT ANSWER MUST BE TRUE... AND THE LAST QUESTION IS ALWAYS FALSE.



**IF YOU FIGURE OUT A TEACHER'S
PATTERN, TRUE/FALSE TESTS
CAN BE A BREEZE... SOMETHING
WRONG, JOHN?**

**I REALLY HATE TO
BREAK THIS TO YOU...
IT'S A "FILL IN THE
BLANK" TEST...**



<< eek >> THAT'S NOT FUNNY
JOHN !

NOT MEANT
TO BE...



**MAYBE YOU CAN FAKE GETTING
VIOLENTLY ILL, RUN OUT OF THE
CLASSROOM, AND JUST GO HOME...**

**TRUST ME, IT
WOULD NOT BE
FAKING...**

