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#### Working with the Text

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the author's opinion about Mr Gessler as a bootmaker?

Ans: According to the author, Mr. Gessler was the best shoemaker in the city. He made only what was ordered and what he made never failed to fit. The boot made by him yet seems mysterious and wonderful. He was the perfect artist in this job.

2. Why did the author visit the shop so infrequently?

Ans: The boots made by Mr. Gessler lasted terribly long. Therefore, the author visited the shop so infrequently.

3. What was the effect on Mr Gessler of the author's remark about a certain pair of boots?

Ans: When the author's remark about a certain pair of boots, Mr Gessler surprisingly looked at him for a time to withdraw or qualify his statement. After that, he asked the author to get the pair back and if he could do nothing of them then he would take them off his bill.

4. What was Mr Gessler's complaint against "big firms"?

Ans: Mr Gessler's complaint against "big firms" was that they didn't have self respect. They got their business by advertisement not by work. Every year, the sale of Mr Gessler is getting less because of them and soon he will be left with no job.

5. Why did the author order so many pairs of boots? Did he really need them?

Ans: The author got shocked and filled with sorrow when he knew about the death of Mr Gessler's elder brother. In order to help him, he ordered so many pairs of boots. No, he didn't really need them.

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