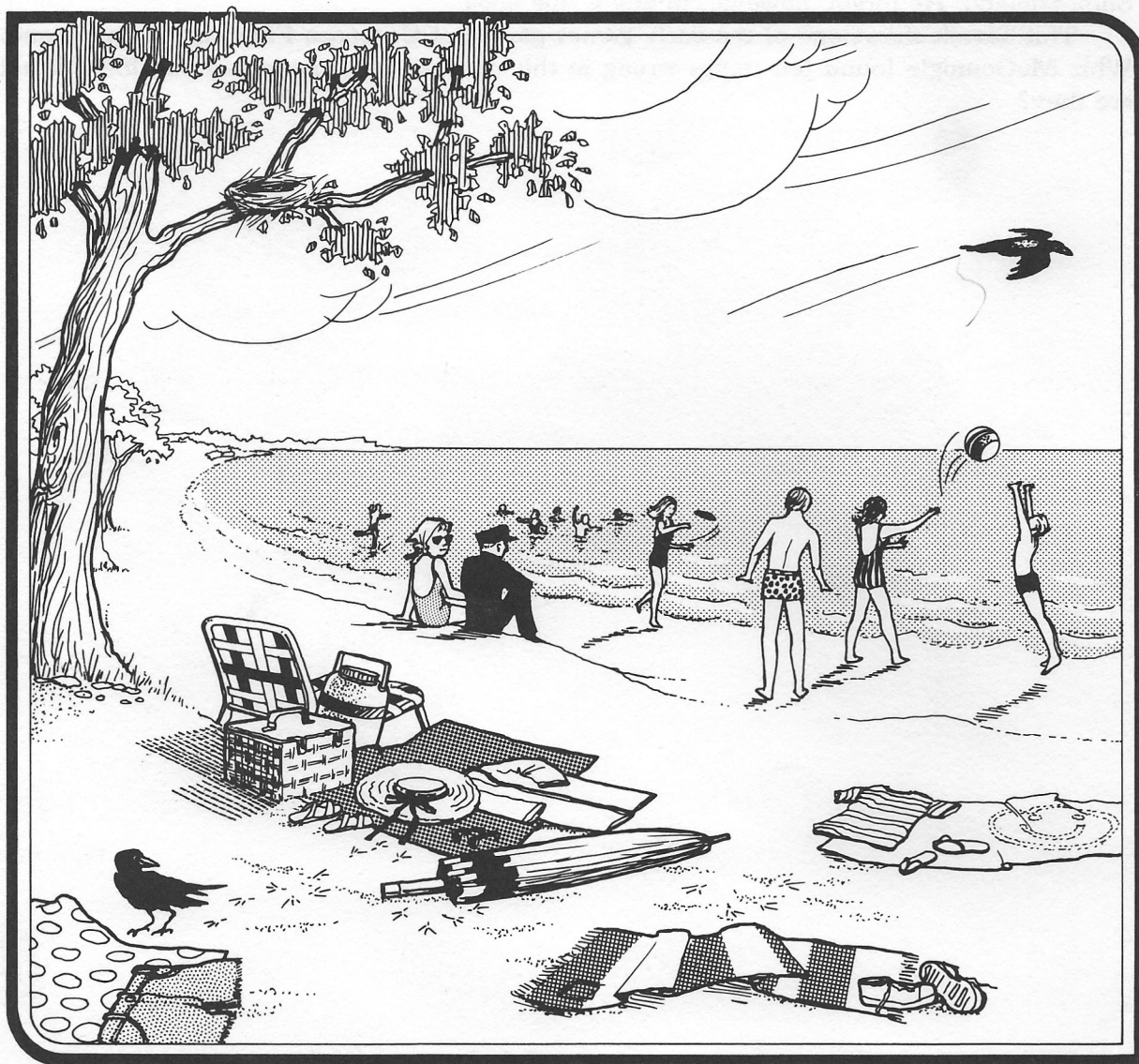


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Every morning the Fancy family chauffeur brought Gwendolyn to school, and every evening he called for her in one of the Fancy limousines (usually the red one), and every week she wore a new dress (usually a red one). She showed it off and told her classmates how rich she was.

When the class decided to have a picnic on Dead Pirate's Beach, and to swim and roast marshmallows, Gwendolyn surprised everybody by saying that she'd love to go. The chauffeur brought her to the beach and immediately took a shine to the teacher. Meanwhile Gwendolyn told her classmates that it was her birthday and that she'd been given a watch worth a thousand dollars. She showed it off and made everybody admire it, and she kept saying how expensive it was.

Gwendolyn went for a swim with the others, but when she returned to the beach her watch was gone. She cried and cried and said she *knew* that she'd put the watch down carefully with her possessions before she went in the water.

The chauffeur called the police, who searched everywhere and talked to everybody, but couldn't find the watch. Nevertheless Whiz McGonnigle, who like everybody else had no love for Gwendolyn, was pretty sure he could have found the watch, but he kept mum.

Where do you think he would have looked?

Questions

1. Are Gwendolyn's things the ones with the picnic basket and other beach items? Yes____ No____
2. Are expensive watches usually thin? Yes____ No____
3. Is a thin watch easy to conceal? Yes____ No____
4. Would the watch gleam in the sunlight? Yes____ No____
5. Do you think someone took the watch without being seen? Yes____ No____
6. Do you think that Gwendolyn lost the watch in the water, and then made up the theft story? Yes____ No____
7. Where do you think Whiz thought he could have found the watch?

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