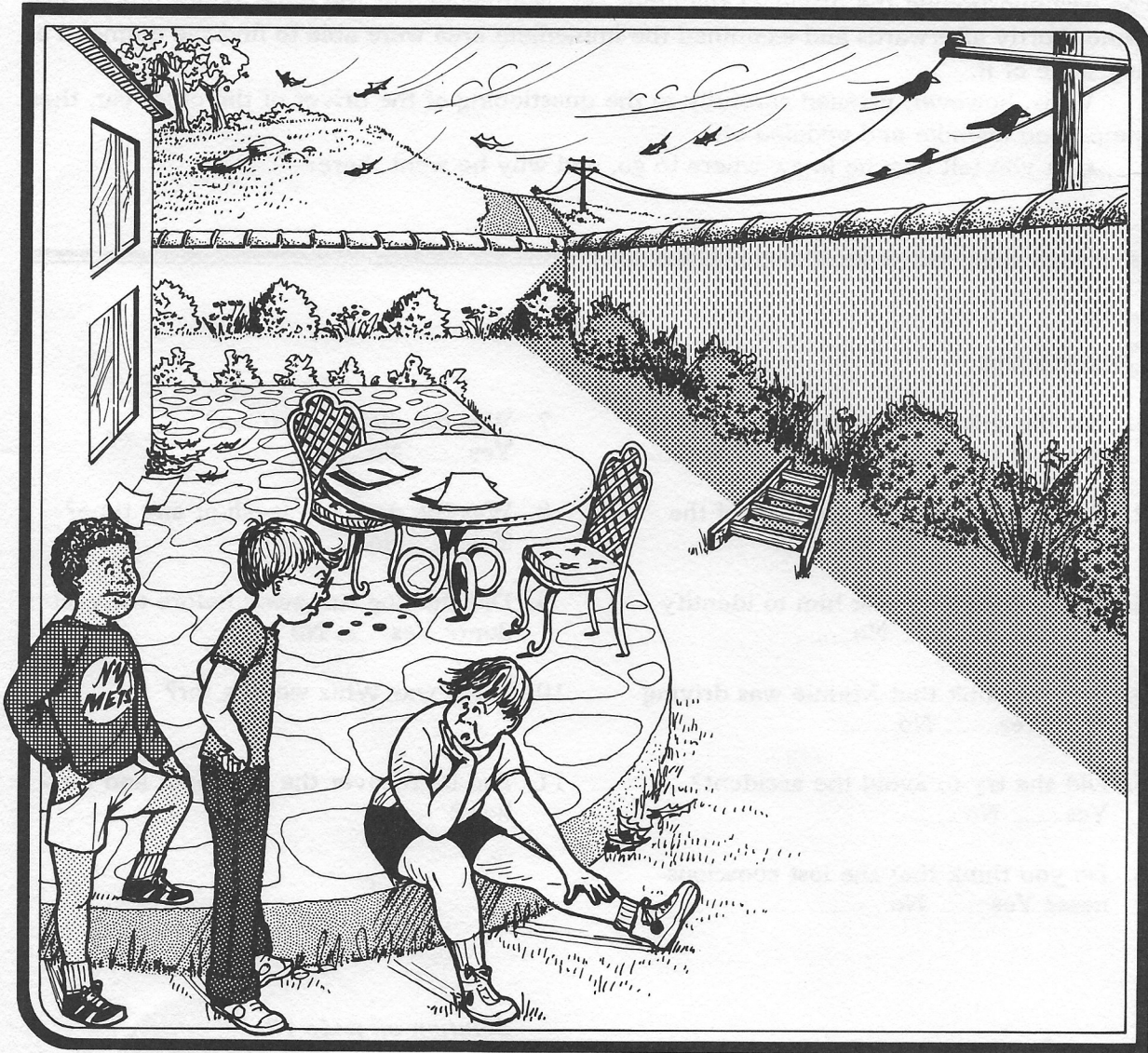


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# ***THE GENTLE BREEZES***



**W**hiz McGonnigle and Kippy Ironbledder were counting out the money they'd collected for the new hockey rink, when the phone rang and they both jumped up and ran into the house. When they got back a few minutes later, fifty-five dollars in bills were gone.

With the help of a ladder, Kippy got to the top of the wall and recognized Ruddy Newsome, who was sitting on the grass further down the empty lane. When Ruddy saw Kippy, Ruddy jumped up and started to run off, although limping badly. Since Kippy knew that there was usually a police car parked on the main road, he yelled. As a result, the police stopped Ruddy, searched him, and found fifty-five dollars.

"It blew over the wall," Ruddy said, "so I picked it up. Whiz and Kippy admit they left the bills on the table, don't they? So what's wrong with picking up a few bills when I don't know where they came from? And tell me—how could I climb a wall as high as that one?"

The police scratched their heads and had no answer. "Better go inside McGonnigles' house and get that leg of yours fixed up," they said. In the yard Ruddy repeated the answer he'd given to the police, but Whiz and Kippy didn't believe him. Why not?

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## Questions

1. Was there a brisk wind blowing?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Could a wind blow bills over the wall?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Could Ruddy see the money while he was walking next to the wall?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think Ruddy could have climbed the wall without aid of some sort? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Was there a way of scaling the wall?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Can you disprove Ruddy's story?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you think Ruddy stole the money?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If your answer is yes, explain how.

*Solution on page 73*