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| 1. **THE CASE:** A boy walks into a building and stands in line. When he gets to the front of the line he discusses his current desires with a uniformed employee of the establishment. He waits 1-2 minutes, pays $1.99 and then departs with a white bag. His expression matches the name of the product he has just purchased.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** Where is the boy and what did he purchase?
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| 1. **CLUE:** The building shares its name with a famous American farmer.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The boy is happy.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The boy received a toy with his purchase.
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**ANSWER:** The boy is in McDonald’s and he purchased a Happy Meal.

**#2**

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| 1. **THE CASE:** A young girl is abandoned by her family. She befriends a group of social outcasts and joins their gang. After learning of the girl’s whereabouts, her family finds her and poisons her. The girl slips into a coma, but does not die.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** What is the girl’s nickname and how does she survive the poisoning?
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| 1. **CLUE:** The gang is powerless to help the girl, but keeps watch over her body.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The girl doesn’t get along with her stepmother.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The gang has seven male members.
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**ANSWER:** Snow Whit survived the poisoning by getting a kiss from Prince Charming.

**#3**

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| 1. **THE CASE:** In a large well-lit room, thirty people repeatedly attack a small group of scrawny kids. The people throw a large red object, applying as much force as possible. The victims are greatly upset and publicly humiliated by this beating, but they allow themselves to be tortured again the very next day.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** Where is this taking place and why are the kids being hit?
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| 1. **CLUE:** Almost every person in the United States has had a similar experience.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The group circles its victims.
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| 1. **CLUE:** A teacher is present, but does nothing to stop the torturing.
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**ANSWER:** Two teams of kids are playing dodgeball in the school gymnasium.

**#4**

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| 1. **THE CASE:** As Vera casually watches, a well-dressed man speaks to her fluently and quickly about important social issues. Eventually, Vera tires of his conversation. With a slight movement of her hand, she dismisses him and he disappears into thin air.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** Who is the man and what did Vera do to dismiss him?
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| 1. **CLUE:** Vera has no magical powers.
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| 1. **CLUE:** Vera can speak to the man, but he can’t hear her.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The man is seated but Vera can’t see his legs.
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**ANSWER:** The man is a TV news reporter; Vera turned off the TV with the remote control.

**#5**

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| 1. **THE CASE:** A man enters a sweepstakes one summer and is notified by mail that he has won third prize: a new refrigerator. The man owns his home, but does not have a fridge. Although there are no hidden costs and he needs to keep his family’s food cold, the man turns down the prize.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** What is the man’s home called and in what U.S. state does he live?
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| 1. **CLUE:** The man’s home is similar to his closest neighbor’s homes.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The man’s home borders the Pacific.
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| 1. **CLUE:** The house is on land and is made from unusual building materials.
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**ANSWER:** The man lives in an igloo in Alaska.

**#6**

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| 1. **THE CASE:** Stevie weighed about 100 pounds and stood about 5 feet tall. He didn’t speak English and could not see. He wasn’t able to walk but he could run. He was spotted last January in Ely, Minnesota, but disappeared a few days later, never to be seen again.
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| 1. **THE MYSTERY:** Who is Stevie and why did he disappear?
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| 1. **CLUE:** Stevie often made people smile.
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| 1. **CLUE:** Stevie was pleasingly plump.
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| 1. **CLUE:** Stevie perished in the snow.
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**ANSWER:** He is a snowman; he melted.