The handbag didn't matter, the £250 for the rest of her holiday would eventually be forgotten, but the photos of Jenny's late husband could never be replaced. Those precious crumbled, faded pieces of paper were now disappearing into the distance, faster than she could ever move. She tried to shout, but a mere whimper came out, no one heard her pleas, emptiness surrounded her, just as her life was now empty without Jack.

Who could you trust these days? Where was a police officer when you needed one? Would they drop her bag and her memories? Jenny watched them run.

- 1. How old do you think Jenny is? Why do you think this?
- 2. Why doesn't the money or the handbag matter too much to Jenny?
- 3. Why do you think the bag was stolen?
- 4. Why is the word 'emptiness' important in this text?
- 5. If you could talk to Jenny what would you say? Why?
- 6. If you could ask the children running away a question, what would you ask?
- 7. Do you think that Jenny will get her photos back? Explain your answer.

Be a detective.



Where is the largest pier in the world? How long is it? The Victorians created 'pleasure piers'. How are they different from working piers?

Phyliss Rowley became the oldest person to become a black belt in karate at the age of 78. What other records have pensioners earned?

When were cameras invented? Where was this? Who invented them? Find out how to make a pin hole camera. How do they work? How could older people be supported in your community?



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