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Catch a Thief

A long time ago and far away a wise magician was traveling through a strange land. He was tired of traveling all day. He stopped at an inn to spend the night and rest. He was the last guest to arrive. The innkeeper was very glad to see the magician. "Oh wise magician," the innkeeper said. "My wife's ring has just been lost. Can you help us find it?" "Have you searched for the ring?" asked the magician. "We have looked and looked everywhere," said the innkeeper. "Maybe the lovely ring was stolen." After the evening meal the magician announced, "I believe ring was stolen tonight before I arrived. I carry with me magical sticks that determine the truth. Each stick is the same length but by morning a thief's stick will grow one inch." The magician gave each guest a magical wooden stick. In the morning everyone gathered to prove that they were innocent. One by one they filed by to compare their sticks with the magician's. They all matched the magician's stick except one. Somehow one stick was shorter! "I have found the thief!" explained the magician. "You see, the thief cut one inch off his stick because he believed it would grow during the night."

Circle the correct answer.

- 1. The innkeeper wanted the magician to find a missing**
a. Bracelet b. Ring c. Necklace
- 2. The magician's magical sticks were made from**
a. Wood b. Metal c. Plastic
- 3. Whose magical stick grew?**
a. The magician's b. The thief's c. Nobody's
- 4. The magician gave magical sticks to**
a. Guests at the inn b. The innkeeper's family
c. Both guests and family members
- 5. When the magician stopped at the inn he was**
a. The first guest of the day b. The third guest of the day
c. The last guest of the day

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