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The Case of the Vanishing Trophy

Short Answer Key

1. Possible Answer: Mr. Jenkins was initially questioned because he was responsible for cleaning the trophy case. He claimed to have last seen the trophy the previous evening when he was cleaning the hallway.
2. Possible Answer: The young detectives found a tiny scratch near the lock of the trophy case. This was significant because it suggested that someone had tampered with the case, providing a clue that the case had been unlawfully opened.
3. Possible Answer: Mr. Jenkins admitted to the theft because he had a hidden passion for sports and had always wanted to win the Golden Sports Trophy. He acted out of a misguided desire and expressed remorse for his actions.

