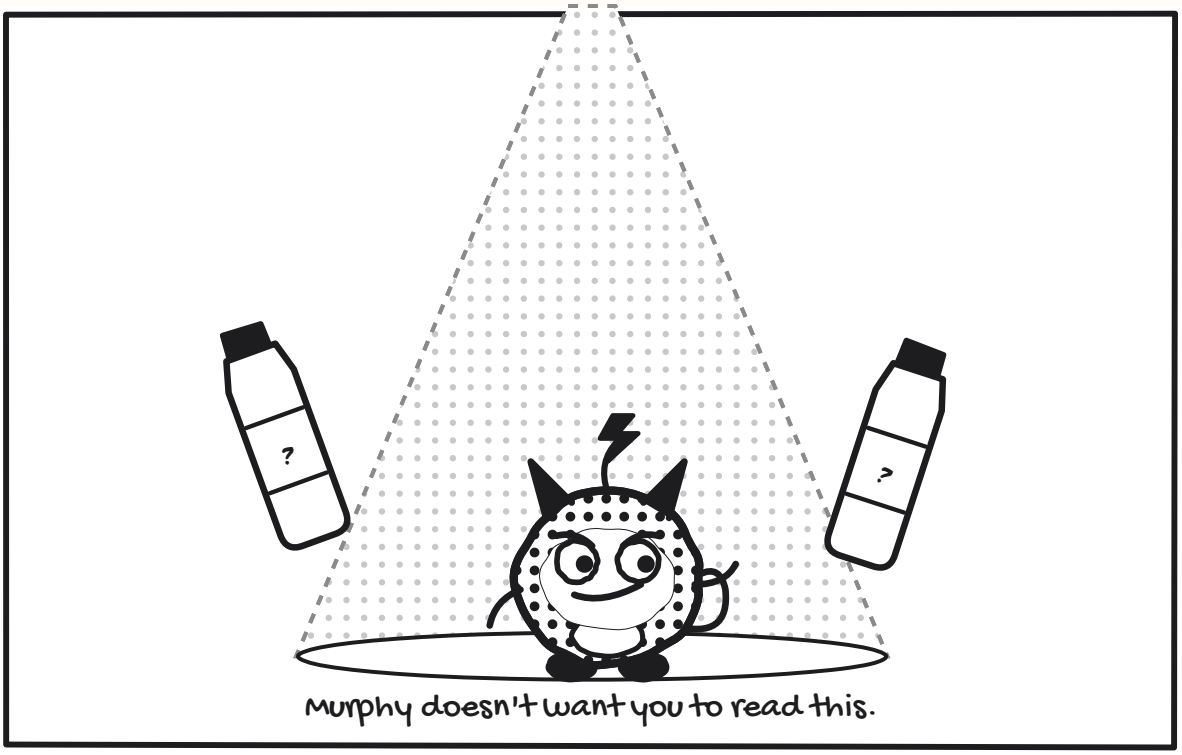
TOP SECRET

SECRET FILE #31: THE LAW THAT DIDN'T FIT IN THE BOOK

Milo found one more Murphy trick. It's sneaky, it's real, and it's only for Curious Kids Club members. Read it, then try the Slow Search on your next lost thing!



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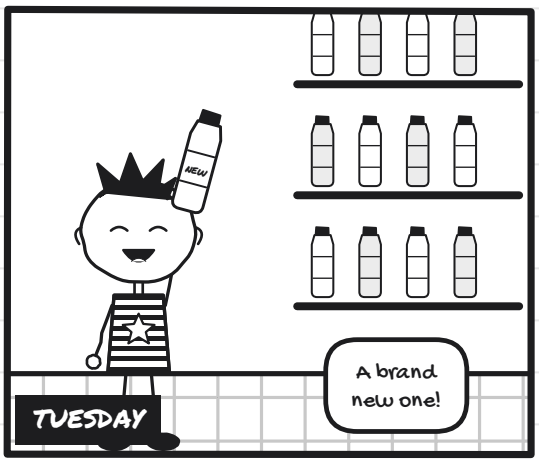
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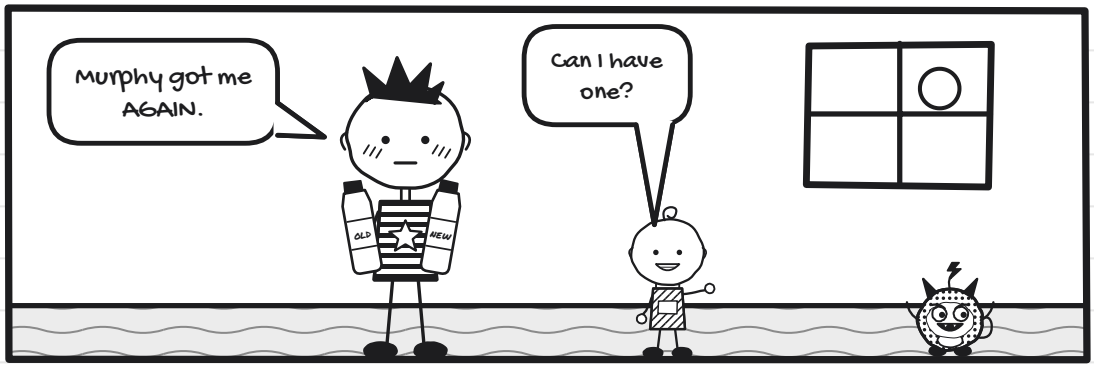
YOU FIND THE LOST THING RIGHT AFTER YOU BUY A NEW ONE.

…in the first place you already looked.









Why does this happen? It's top secret…

TURN THE PAGE →

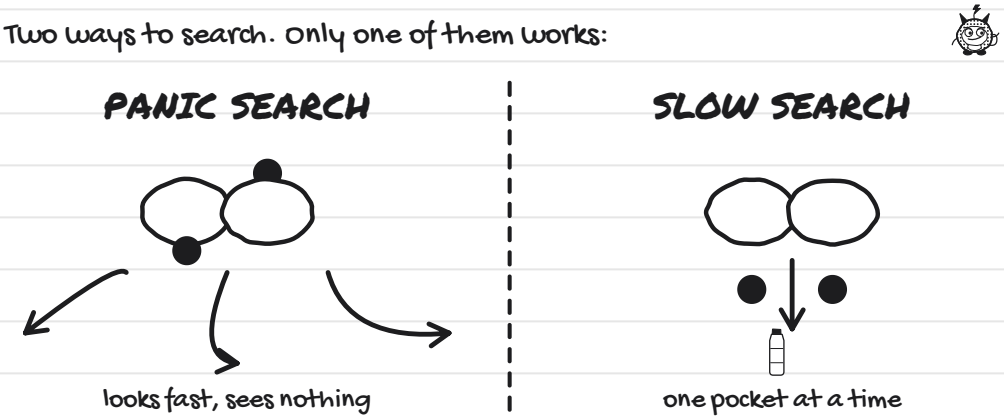
? WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN?

I looked in that pocket. TWICE.

Murphy didn't hide it. Your **panicking brain** did.

1. PANIC SEARCH VS. SLOW SEARCH

Two ways to search. Only one of them works:



AFTER YOU BUY A NEW ONE, YOU FINALLY RELAX... AND THEN YOU SEE IT.



When you're worried, your eyes zoom around so fast that they look right at the bottle and **don't see it**. Once the problem is "solved" with a new one, you calm down, and your eyes start working again.

- ✓ where it SHOULD be
- ✓ where it COULD be
- ✓ pockets in pockets
- ✓ WHERE YOU LAST USED IT

2. THE DETECTIVE METHOD

Search like a detective: slowly, one place at a time, and don't skip the places you already checked.

WEIRD SCIENCE

Scientists call it **inattentional blindness**: your eyes can point right at something while your brain completely misses it. It happens to everyone, even grown-ups. ESPECIALLY grown-ups.

! BEAT MURPHY: THE OOPS RESET

Two bottles. One very confused Milo. Now what?



STOP. Don't throw the old bottle across the room. Breathe in 4... out 6.

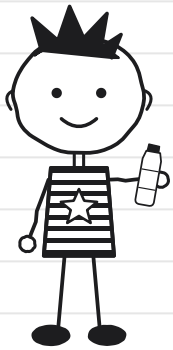
PRO TIP: Write your name on your stuff. Lost things LOVE to come home.



LAUGH. Say it: "Classic Murphy!" Your bottle was just playing hide-and-seek. And it WON.



FIX. Give the extra one a job: a spare for school, or a gift for a friend. Then give your bottle a **HOME SPOT** where it always goes.

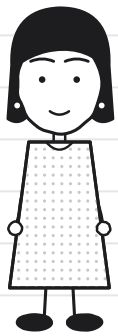


MURPHY RADAR

Trap detected: "It's gone FOREVER."



- ☐ Search slowly, one place at a time.
- ☐ Check pockets inside pockets.
- ☐ Wait one day before buying a new one.



Mom secret: before buying a new one, I search every pocket. Slowly.

YOUR TURN!

My Lost + Found Hall of Fame

Write down the sneakiest thing you ever lost (and found!).

The thing I lost: _____

Where it was hiding: _____

How long it was gone: _____

My Slow Search Checklist

Next time something disappears, check these off one by one:

- ☐ The place it SHOULD be
- ☐ My backpack (every pocket!)
- ☐ Under the sofa cushions
- ☐ The car
- ☐ The last place I used it
- ☐ _____

Draw the Sneakiest Hiding Place

Where would YOUR lost stuff hide if it could choose?

Draw it here!

TALK ABOUT IT

Ask a grown-up: *"What's the strangest place you ever found something you lost?"*

LAW #31 SCORE MURPHY ☐ vs ME ☐ Color Murphy in! ↓

