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The Lost Key

UNIT

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Pre-reading

1. What do you think he has lost?
2. Have you ever lost anything? What was it?
3. Where did you find it?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. ____ John is upset because his cat is sick.
2. ____ The dog searched for the bone for a long time.
3. ____ Check your bag. Maybe your key is in there.
4. ____ Where is the bathroom? I have to use the toilet.
5. ____ The boys ran down the hallway.
6. ____ Paul acts silly sometimes.



a.

- b. foolish and funny
- c. sad; angry
- d. make sure; see if true

e.



f. looked for

The Lost Key

Track 01



Last week at school, I couldn't find my key. It was the key to my house, so I was really worried. How could I get in? I looked for the key everywhere. I looked in my bag, in and under my desk, behind the teacher's desk, and near a window. I thought maybe **it** was under something on my desk. So, I picked all my papers up and looked under them. But I couldn't find my key anywhere! I was the last student left in the class. Even the teacher was gone. My friends came down the hall and saw that I was upset, so they helped me search. I thought I left it out in the hallway, but it wasn't there. I was worried I lost it down the toilet! How could I ever get it back if it was down the toilet? My friends and I looked everywhere, but we couldn't find the key. Then, one of my friends told me to check in my pockets again. Oops! To my surprise, I found out that my key was in my pocket! It was there all along, but out of sight. I felt very silly. Now, my friends tease me about "losing" things. They say I can't even see things right in front of me!

(217 words)

Word Practice

Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Donna, don't be _____. You can't eat soup with a fork!
a. silly b. alone c. near d. surprised
- Marcia was very _____ because she failed the exam.
a. teasing b. upset c. last d. gone
- When Dave _____ his key, he couldn't open the door.
a. looked b. found c. lost d. searched
- Louis walked down the long _____ to go to his classroom.
a. sight b. toilet c. hallway d. pocket



Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the reading?
 - a. Losing something
 - b. Feeling upset
 - c. Helping friends
 - d. Searching in pockets
2. What did the boy's friends do?
 - a. They helped search for the key.
 - b. They laughed at the funny story.
 - c. They took the boy's key.
 - d. They upset the boy.
3. Where was the boy's key?
 - a. Under his desk
 - b. In his pocket
 - c. Behind a box
 - d. In the hallway
4. What does "it" refer to in line 4 of the reading?
 - a. The desk
 - b. The floor
 - c. The window
 - d. The key



Focus On Prepositions

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

near

under

in

for

1. I looked _____ my desk. It was not on the floor.
2. I checked _____ the door. It wasn't there.
3. I searched _____ my keys in the classroom.
4. I looked _____ my pockets. I found them!

Words and Phrases

out of sight

The car drove away and was quickly **out of sight**.

down the (hall / street / road)

I live **down the street** from Evan's house.

right (beside / above / in front of / behind)

Jean thought Kenny was gone, but he was **right in front of** her.

Fill in the blank with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. It is so dark! I can't see my hand _____ of me.
2. The school office is _____ hall.
3. "Where's Emma?" "She's _____, under the blanket."

Summary

Fill in the blank with the correct word.



silly

upset

hallway

searched

lost

The boy was **1** _____. He **2** _____ his key. He **3** _____ everywhere for it. He checked in his classroom and in the **4** _____. He even looked for it in the toilet. His friends came and helped him look. He finally found the key in his pocket and felt very **5** _____.

Listening I Lost It!

Listen to the dialog and take notes.

Track 02

What did Arthur lose?

How did he feel?

Where did he look?

Finally, where did he find it?

Listen again and check your notes.

Track 03

Use your notes to fill in the blanks.

Story Summary

Arthur lost his _____.
book. He felt very _____. He
looked for it in the _____ and
in his _____, but he couldn't
find it. Finally, he checked in his
_____. There it was!

My Story Notes

Have you ever lost something?
Write some notes.

What did you lose?

How did you feel?

Where did you look?

Finally, where did you find it?

Using your notes, write your story
in complete sentences.

Writing

Speaking

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blank with the correct choice.

- a. the hallway and under my desk
- b. I lost my book bag.
- c. behind the door
- d. What's the matter?



- A 1 _____
- B 2 _____ Will you help me look for it?
- A Sure. Where did you look for it?
- B I looked in 3 _____.
- A Did you check in the classroom or near the window?
- B Yes.
- A Well, let's keep looking.
- B I found it! It was 4 _____!

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. My ball was behind the door, just _____.
a. out of sight b. found c. lost d. was gone
2. Jessica walked down the _____ to go to her bedroom.
a. hallway b. nature c. planet d. toilet
3. Mom _____ my video game. She said I played too much!
a. took care of b. took away c. was tied at d. got through
4. I _____ everywhere for my puppy. She was under my bed!
a. went over to b. left c. searched d. drove

An Exciting Gift

UNIT

2



Pre-reading

1. What is she holding?
2. What do you think is in the box?
3. Why would someone give her a gift?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. ____ My brother put together this shelf.
2. ____ Zebras have black and white stripes.
3. ____ His new bike is very shiny.
4. ____ My MP3 player is very convenient. I can listen to music anywhere.
5. ____ That bug is so tiny! I can hardly see it on the leaf.
6. ____ The desk was in pieces when we bought it. We had to put it together.

- a. built
- b. bright and sparkling
- c. in small parts
- d. very small
- e. useful
- f. lines of color