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# An Honest Boy



When people find something **valuable** and **return** it to its owner, they are often given a **reward**. This is because the person **spent time** to find its owner or take it to the police station.

5 There was once a young boy who found a woman's purse in a shopping center. Inside the purse there was some money and the woman's driver's **license**. Her name and address were printed on the license, so the boy knew where she lived. That evening he went to her house and knocked on her door. When she opened it, he  
10 said, "I found your purse," and **handed** it to her.

"Thank you very much," she said. She opened her purse and took out all the money. She wanted to give the boy a small reward, but there were only \$20 bills in the purse, and she thought that \$20 was too much to give the boy. "I'm so sorry," she said, "but I don't  
15 have any small change to give you."

The boy said, "That's all right," and went away.

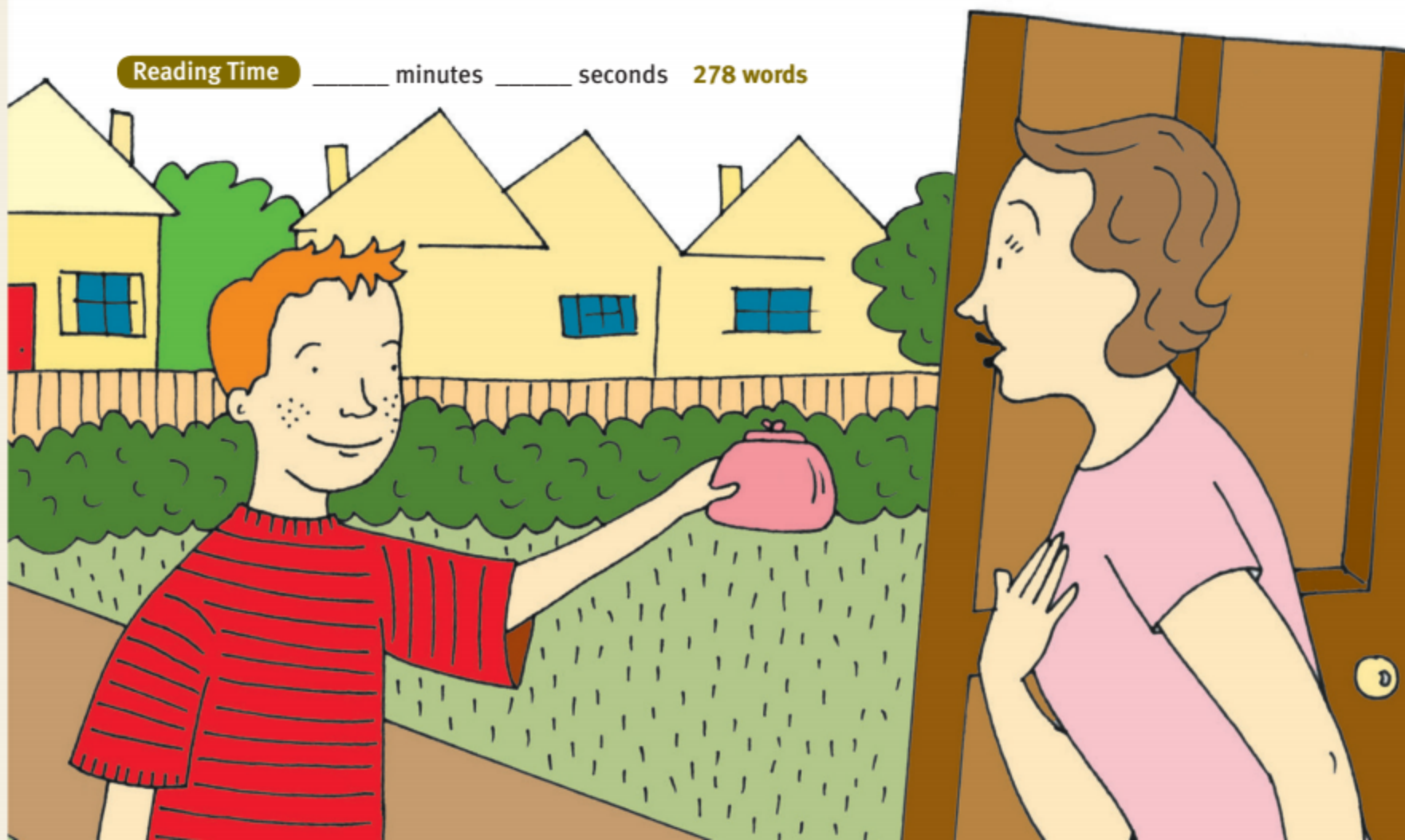
A few days later he found another woman's purse. It also had her driver's license in it, so he knew where she lived. He went to her house and said, "I found your purse," and handed it to her.

20 "Thank you very much," she said. She opened her purse and took out her money.

"That's strange," she said. "Before I lost my purse, I had a \$100 bill and a \$20 bill in it. Now I have a \$100 bill, a \$10 bill, and two \$5 bills."

25 "Yes," the boy said, and smiled.

Reading Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds 278 words



<sup>1</sup> **valuable** worth a lot of money

<sup>1</sup> **return** to give back

<sup>2</sup> **reward** a gift given to someone who returns a lost item to its owner

<sup>3</sup> **spend time** to use one's time doing something

<sup>7</sup> **license** a certificate or qualification

<sup>10</sup> **hand** to give or pass something to someone

## Vocabulary Review

### ■ Match each word with its meaning.

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. valuable • | • a. small money, such as bills or coins       |
| 2. change •   | • b. something received for doing a good thing |
| 3. reward •   | • c. worth a lot                               |

## Reading Comprehension

### ■ Choose the best answer.

- Why did the boy smile at the end of the story?
  - He had changed the bills in the purse.
  - He kept some of the money.
  - He wanted to look honest.
  - He thought the woman was funny.
- How did the boy know the owner of the purse?
  - He saw her drop the purse.
  - Someone told him the name of the woman.
  - He took the purse from her.
  - Something in the purse had her name on it.
- After the boy returned the purse to the first woman, he felt \_\_\_\_\_.
  - proud
  - excited
  - disappointed
  - confused
- The boy “handed” the purse to the woman. This means he \_\_\_\_\_ it to her.
  - dropped
  - gave
  - threw
  - took

## Summary

### ■ Fill in each blank with the correct word.

returned

reward

changed

another

owner

A boy found a purse and 1\_\_\_\_\_ it to the owner. The owner said she wanted to give him a(n) 2\_\_\_\_\_, but she did not have any small bills. The boy found 3\_\_\_\_\_ purse. It only had large bills in it. He 4\_\_\_\_\_ the \$20 bill into smaller bills so the 5\_\_\_\_\_ could give him a reward.



# The Stolen Bicycle



From my diary

**M**y bicycle was stolen last week. I left it outside a store while I went inside to get some things for my mother. When I came out, the bicycle was gone.

It's my own **fault**, of course. I have a chain and **padlock** that I usually use. I put the chain around the front wheel and then lock the chain with the padlock. But I was in a hurry that morning and didn't lock up the bike. And now it's gone.

I went to the police station and **reported** the theft. The police officer wrote down the information about the bike—its brand, color, serial number, and so on. However, he didn't think I'd get it back. "There's a gang of bicycle thieves at work," he said. "They **steal** lots of bikes and then take them by truck to other cities, where they sell them."

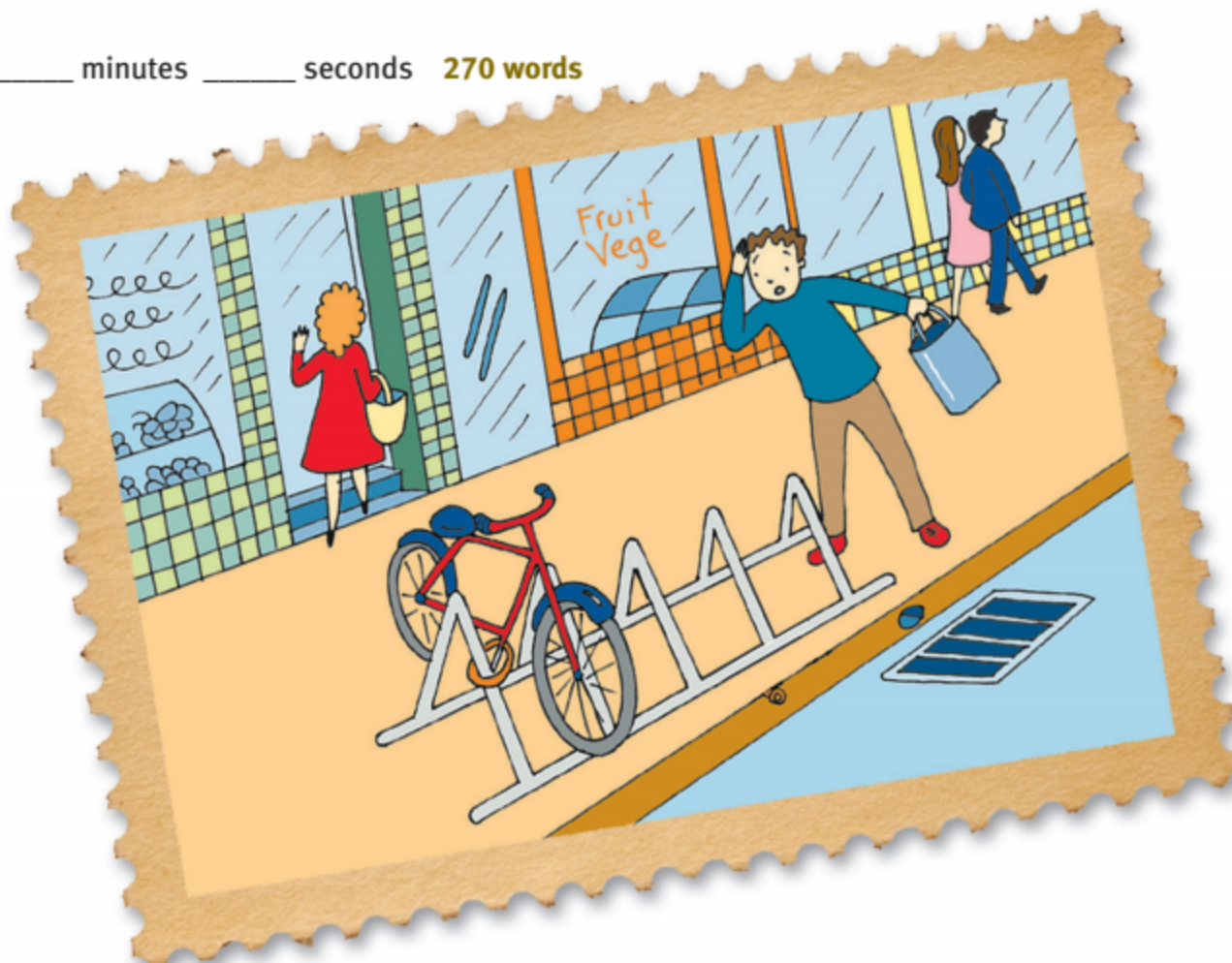
"I would know my bike anywhere," I said. "It has a tear in the seat."

I was really unhappy about not having my bike because I had planned to take my bike on the train to my grandmother's house. Then I would have it with me to ride while I visited her.

On my first evening at my grandmother's house, I was looking through the local newspaper when I saw an ad for a second-hand bike. It seemed to be very **cheap**, so I went to the store to look at it.

To my surprise, it was my stolen bike! I went to the police and told them about the bike, and now I have my bike back.

Reading Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds 270 words



<sup>4</sup> **fault** a mistake, especially one for which you are to blame

<sup>4</sup> **padlock** a detachable lock with a hook which can be locked with a key

<sup>8</sup> **report** to give a description of what has been said, seen, done, etc.

<sup>12</sup> **steal** to take something without permission

<sup>20</sup> **cheap** not expensive

## Vocabulary Review

### ■ Fill in the blanks.

tear

local

lock

1. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the front door when we left the house?
2. Many people in this neighborhood walk for exercise in the \_\_\_\_\_ park.
3. She asked her mother to fix a small \_\_\_\_\_ in her favorite shirt.

## Reading Comprehension

### ■ Choose the best answer.

1. How did the boy know the bike in the store was his bike?
  - a. The store owner told him.
  - b. The seat was torn.
  - c. It was the same color.
  - d. It had his name on it.
2. Before it was stolen, he had planned to use his bike to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. get home from the station
  - b. ride at his grandmother's house
  - c. let his grandmother ride
  - d. travel to his grandmother's house
3. How did the thieves probably steal the bike?
  - a. They broke the chain.
  - b. They cut the padlock.
  - c. They put it in a truck.
  - d. They took the front wheel off.
4. What kinds of things are sold in a "second-hand" store?
  - a. Broken
  - b. Two-handed
  - c. Used
  - d. Washed

## Summary

### ■ Fill in each blank with the correct word.

tear

reported

ad

situation

lock

The boy forgot to 1\_\_\_\_\_ his bicycle, so somebody stole it. When he 2\_\_\_\_\_ it to the police, he told them his bicycle had a(n) 3\_\_\_\_\_ in the seat. While visiting his grandmother, he saw a(n) 4\_\_\_\_\_ for a cheap used bicycle. When he went to the store, he saw his bicycle! He explained the 5\_\_\_\_\_ to the police and got his bicycle back.