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The Wrong Suitcase Full of Spoons

Circle group

Ravi did not see the mistake until the train had left the station. His suitcase was green. It had a scuffed corner and a blue ribbon on the handle. The one at his feet was green too. But it had no ribbon, and it was much heavier than it should be.

He looked at the other passengers. Then he clicked open the latches. There were no clothes inside. There were dozens of spoons. Each one was wrapped in tissue paper and tucked in its own little pocket. There were silver spoons, wooden spoons, and tiny ones with enamel flowers on the handle. A card inside said, "Property of Mrs. Dunmore. Please handle with care."

"Oh, no," Ravi muttered. Somewhere, a woman was opening a suitcase full of his socks.

At the next stop, he asked the conductor for help. The conductor was kind. He sent a radio message to the earlier station. Within the hour, a reply came back. A woman named Mrs. Dunmore had come to the lost luggage counter. She held a handle with no ribbon and looked very confused.

The next morning, the two met on the platform to swap cases. Mrs. Dunmore collected spoons from every town she visited. "You were careful. You did not lose one," she said. She gave Ravi a small spoon with a blue enamel flower. "Now you are a collector, too."

Questions

1. What was different about the suitcase Ravi picked up?

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2. What was inside the wrong suitcase?

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3. Who helped Ravi fix the problem?

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4. What did Mrs. Dunmore give Ravi at the end?

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5. How did Ravi know the suitcase was not his?

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6. Why did Mrs. Dunmore thank Ravi for being careful?

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Words to know

scuffed: scratched or worn from rubbing against things
enamel: a smooth, hard, glassy coating used for decoration
conductor: the worker who checks tickets and helps on a train
luggage: the bags and suitcases that travelers carry
platform: the raised area beside the tracks where people board

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

Ravi did not realize his mistake until the train had already pulled away from the station. His suitcase was green, with a scuffed corner and a blue ribbon tied to the handle. The one at his feet was green as well, but it had no ribbon, and it was considerably heavier than it should have been.

He glanced around at the other passengers, and then he clicked open the latches. Instead of clothes, the case contained dozens of spoons, each one wrapped in tissue paper and tucked into its own little pocket. There were silver spoons, wooden spoons, and tiny ones with enamel flowers decorating the handles. A card inside read, "Property of Mrs. Dunmore. Please handle with care."

"Oh, no," Ravi muttered. Somewhere, a woman was opening a suitcase full of his socks.

At the next stop he asked the conductor for assistance. The conductor was sympathetic, and he sent a radio message to the earlier station. Within the hour, a reply arrived: a woman named Mrs. Dunmore had appeared at the lost luggage counter, holding a ribbon-less handle and wearing a very confused expression.

The next morning the two of them met on the platform to exchange their cases. Mrs. Dunmore, it turned out, collected spoons from every town that she visited. "You were careful, and you did not lose a single one," she said. She handed Ravi a small spoon with a blue enamel flower. "Now you are a collector, too."

Questions

1. What was different about the suitcase Ravi picked up?

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2. What was inside the wrong suitcase?

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3. Who helped Ravi solve the problem?

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4. What did Mrs. Dunmore give Ravi at the end?

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5. How did Ravi know the suitcase belonged to someone else?

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6. Why did Mrs. Dunmore thank Ravi for being careful?

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Square group

Ravi did not realize his mistake until the train had already pulled away from the crowded station. His suitcase was green, with a scuffed corner and a blue ribbon tied securely to the handle. The one at his feet was green as well, but it had no ribbon whatsoever, and it was considerably heavier than it should have been.

He glanced nervously around at the other passengers, and then he clicked open the latches. Instead of clothes, the case contained dozens of spoons, each one wrapped in tissue paper and tucked into its own custom-made pocket. There were silver spoons, wooden spoons, and delicate tiny ones with enamel flowers decorating the handles. A card inside read, "Property of Mrs. Dunmore. Please handle with care."

"Oh, no," Ravi muttered. Somewhere, a woman was opening a suitcase full of his socks.

At the next stop he asked the conductor for assistance. The conductor was extremely sympathetic, and he promptly sent a radio message to the earlier station. Within the hour, a reply arrived: a woman named Mrs. Dunmore had appeared at the lost luggage counter, holding a ribbon-less handle and wearing a thoroughly confused expression.

The next morning the two of them met on the platform to exchange their cases. Mrs. Dunmore, it turned out, collected spoons from every town that she visited. "You were careful, and you did not lose a single one," she said. She handed Ravi a small spoon with a blue enamel flower. "Now you are a collector, too."

Questions

1. What was different about the suitcase that Ravi picked up?

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2. What did the wrong suitcase contain?

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3. Who assisted Ravi in solving the problem?

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4. What did Mrs. Dunmore give Ravi at the end?

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5. How did Ravi realize the suitcase belonged to someone else?

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6. Why did Mrs. Dunmore thank Ravi for being careful?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Wrong Suitcase Full of Spoons

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Wrong Suitcase Full of Spoons

Easier · 230 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. It had no ribbon on the handle and was much heavier.
2. Dozens of spoons wrapped in tissue paper.
3. The train conductor, who sent a radio message to the earlier station.
4. A small spoon with a blue enamel flower.
5. He saw the missing ribbon and found a card with another person's name.
6. Her spoons were fragile and special to her, and he kept every one safe.

Triangle: The Wrong Suitcase Full of Spoons

This passage · 245 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.6

1. It had no ribbon on the handle and was much heavier.
2. Dozens of spoons wrapped in tissue paper.
3. The train conductor, who radioed the earlier station.
4. A small spoon with a blue enamel flower.
5. He saw the missing ribbon and found a card with another person's name.
6. Her collection was fragile and valuable to her, and he kept every spoon safe.

Square: The Wrong Suitcase Full of Spoons

Harder · 253 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 7.3

1. It had no ribbon on the handle and was much heavier.
2. Dozens of spoons wrapped in tissue paper.
3. The train conductor, who sent a radio message to the earlier station.
4. A small spoon with a blue enamel flower.
5. He noticed the missing ribbon and found a card with another person's name.
6. Her collection was fragile and precious to her, and he kept every spoon safe.