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Lost Luggage, Found Llama

Circle group

Priya Raman stood at the baggage belt after a long flight. An orange bag went by for the fifth time. It was not hers. Her suitcase was green with a bit of yellow ribbon on the handle. It had not shown up. She was about to go to the lost luggage desk. Then a loud hum came from the end of the belt. A huge wooden crate bumped into view. A sticker on it said, "Handle with care."

A small crowd gathered. Through the slats of the crate peeked a long, fuzzy neck, two ears and a pair of eyes. The eyes looked upset with the airline. The crate was for a petting farm in the next county. Soon a worker found the mistake. Priya's suitcase was on the farm's truck. The llama was sent to the airport by accident. Both had been tagged with almost the same number.

While workers called the farm, Priya watched the llama. His name was Biscuit. He did not mind. He chewed calmly on a ribbon tied to his crate. He let three small children pat his neck. An hour later the truck came with Priya's suitcase. It was clean, with a little hay on it. The farmer thanked her. He offered her a ride home. Priya said no, but she did take a photo with Biscuit. Later she called it "my carry-on."

Questions

1. What did Priya's lost suitcase look like?

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2. What came out on the belt instead of her suitcase?

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3. Where was the llama supposed to go?

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4. What was the llama's name?

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5. Why were the suitcase and llama sent to the wrong places?

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6. Why did Priya call the photo "my carry-on"?

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Words to know

slats: thin strips of wood with gaps between them

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

Priya Raman stood at the baggage carousel after a long flight and watched the same orange duffel bag go around for the fifth time, and it was not hers. Her own suitcase, the green one with a scrap of yellow ribbon on the handle, had simply failed to appear. She was about to join the line at the lost luggage desk when a loud, rumbling hum came from the far end of the belt, and an enormous wooden crate lurched into view with a sticker on the side that read, "Handle with care."

A small crowd gathered. Through the slats of the crate peered a long, fuzzy neck, two curious ears, and a pair of eyes that seemed deeply offended by the airline. The crate was addressed to a petting farm in the next county. Moments later, the airline worker discovered the mistake. Priya's suitcase had been loaded onto the farm's delivery truck, and the llama had been sent to the passenger terminal by accident, because both items had been tagged with similar numbers.

While workers phoned the farm, Priya was asked to keep an eye on the llama, whose name was Biscuit. Biscuit did not seem to mind. He chewed placidly on the ribbon that someone had tied to his crate, and he allowed three small children to pat his neck. An hour later the truck arrived with Priya's suitcase, which was surprisingly clean except for a dusting of hay. The farmer thanked her warmly and offered a ride home. Priya declined politely, but she did accept a photograph with Biscuit, which she later labeled "my carry-on."

Questions

1. What did Priya's missing suitcase look like?

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2. What arrived on the carousel instead of Priya's suitcase?

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3. Where was the llama supposed to go?

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4. What was the llama's name?

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5. Why did the airline send the suitcase and the llama to the wrong places?

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6. Why did Priya label the photograph "my carry-on"?

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Words to know

carousel: a moving belt that carries bags at an airport
lurched: moved forward with a sudden, jerky motion
slats: thin strips of wood with gaps between them
placidly: in a calm and peaceful way
declined: said no to an offer politely

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Square group

Priya Raman stood at the baggage carousel after an exhausting flight and watched the same orange duffel bag drift past for the fifth time, and it most certainly did not belong to her. Her own suitcase, the green one with a scrap of yellow ribbon knotted around the handle, had simply failed to materialize. She was just about to join the queue at the lost luggage desk when a loud, rumbling hum rose from the far end of the belt, and an enormous wooden crate lurched into view bearing a sticker that read, "Handle with care."

A small crowd gradually gathered. Through the slats of the crate peered a long, fuzzy neck, two curious ears, and a pair of dark eyes that seemed profoundly offended by the entire airline. The crate was addressed to a petting farm in the neighboring county. Moments later, an airline worker uncovered the blunder. Priya's suitcase had been loaded onto the farm's delivery truck, and the llama had been routed to the passenger terminal by accident, because both items had been tagged with nearly identical numbers.

While employees telephoned the farm, Priya was asked to keep an eye on the llama, whose name turned out to be Biscuit. Biscuit did not seem to mind in the least. He chewed placidly on the ribbon that someone had tied to his crate, and he permitted three small children to pat his neck. An hour later the truck rolled up with Priya's suitcase, which was remarkably clean apart from a light dusting of hay. The farmer thanked her warmly and offered her a ride home. Priya politely declined, but she did accept a photograph with Biscuit, which she later labeled "my carry-on."

Questions

1. How could you recognize Priya's missing suitcase?

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2. What arrived on the carousel instead of her suitcase?

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3. Where was the llama meant to be delivered?

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4. What was the llama's name?

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5. How did the suitcase and the llama end up in the wrong places?

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6. Why did Priya label the photograph "my carry-on"?

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For the teacher: Lost Luggage, Found Llama

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

Circle: Lost Luggage, Found Llama

Easier · 230 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. It was green with yellow ribbon on the handle.
2. A wooden crate with a llama inside.
3. To a petting farm in the next county.
4. His name was Biscuit.
5. They were tagged with almost the same number, so they got mixed up.
6. It was a joke, since she had spent time with a llama and not luggage.

Triangle: Lost Luggage, Found Llama

This passage · 269 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 7.7

1. It was green with a scrap of yellow ribbon on the handle.
2. A large wooden crate holding a llama.
3. To a petting farm in the next county.
4. His name was Biscuit.
5. The two items had been tagged with similar numbers, so they were mixed up.
6. It was a joke, because she had ended up spending time with a llama instead of luggage.

Square: Lost Luggage, Found Llama

Harder · 285 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 8.9

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2. An enormous wooden crate holding a llama.
3. To a petting farm in the neighboring county.
4. His name was Biscuit.
5. Both items were tagged with nearly identical numbers, so they were routed incorrectly.
6. It was a joke, because she had spent her time with a llama instead of her luggage.