

The Missing Coins

Jenna loved her rare coin collection, she had been collecting coins for as long as she could remember. However, on this day, she was shocked when she unlocked her lockbox only to discover that many of her precious coins were missing. She had kept the coins locked up in a lockbox in her drawer, but now the lockbox was almost empty! Jenna wondered if the thief was someone she knew, but she couldn't figure out who it could be.



When Jenna asked her parents about what she should do, they decided to call the police. The police came to investigate the case. They found no signs of forced entry, which meant that the thief likely had a key to Jenna's lockbox. Jenna's friend and Jenna's parents were the only people that knew where Jenna kept the key for her lock box containing the coin collection.

The police decided to question Lila, Jenna's friend. She seemed genuinely shocked when she heard about the theft, but the police noticed something strange. She kept looking around nervously and avoiding eye contact with them.

The police decided to search Lila's belongings, and there in her backpack, they found the missing coins. Lila broke down and admitted to stealing the coins. She had been in desperate need of money and had thought that Jenna would never notice the missing coins.

In the end, the case was solved, and the missing coins were returned to Jenna. Jenna learned to be more careful about who she trusted with her valuables, and Lila faced the consequences of her actions.

1. Read the passage and underline any word you struggled on.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where did Jenna keep her coin collection?**
 - a. lockbox
 - b. safe
 - c. bedroom

- 2. How did Jenna feel when she noticed the missing coins?**
 - a. depressed
 - b. sad
 - c. shocked

- 3. What did the parents do when Jenna told them about the missing coins?**
 - a. helped her look for the missing coins
 - b. told her to be more careful
 - c. called the police

- 4. Who took the missing coins?**
 - a. Jenna's friend Lori
 - b. Jenna's sister Lila
 - c. Jenna's friend Lila

- 5. Were the coins ever returned?**
 - a. yes
 - b. no

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think Lila needed the money from the stolen coins?.
2. Why did Jenna think that she may know who the thief was?
3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
4. What images go through your mind as you think about how sound happens?

- Does this remind you of anything? Or does it remind you of somebody you know that has experienced something similar?
- What should the consequences be for Lila?
- What kind of lesson did Jenna learn?
- Why do you think the police suspected Lila?