

# ●●● Lost and Found

## A. VOCABULARY: Losing and finding things

Choose the correct words to complete the story.

Can you imagine losing something and having it **appear/ disappear** again a quarter of a century later? April Bolt can. Twenty-five years ago, Bolt **left her purse behind / got her purse back** on a boat on South Carolina's Lake Hartwell. Before she could go back to get it, it **appeared / disappeared**. Maybe it **fell off/ dropped** the boat. Or maybe someone picked it up and **fell off / dropped** it in the lake. She **searched for / located** it, but couldn't find it. Just a few months ago, however, 11-year-old Brodie Brooks **discovered / searched for** it while he was fishing on the same lake with his family. When Brooks opened the purse and found the owner's driver's license, his relative Ben Myers recognized the woman in the photo. She was a family friend! Myers **returned / located** Bolt and **left behind / returned** her purse to her. She was shocked that someone found it and was happy to **get it back / leave it behind**.

## B. GRAMMAR: Past simple

Complete the story with the correct form of the verb.

Ana \_\_\_\_\_(go) to the museum because she \_\_\_\_\_(love) art, especially Greek statues. She \_\_\_\_\_(bring) her camera and \_\_\_\_\_(spend) the whole morning in the museum. Ana really \_\_\_\_\_(want) to see the famous statue of the Greek god Zeus. She \_\_\_\_\_(find) the statue on the second floor and \_\_\_\_\_(ask) an older woman to take a photo of her next to it. Ana then \_\_\_\_\_(need) to go home, so she \_\_\_\_\_(get) on the bus outside the museum. Twenty minutes later, Ana got off and walked to her apartment.

Sergio, a student, got on the same bus ten minutes later, and he found a purse on a seat. It \_\_\_\_\_(be) Ana's purse. Sergio \_\_\_\_\_(give) the purse to the bus driver, who checked it. There was some money inside and a camera but no name. They \_\_\_\_\_(not know) what to do, so they \_\_\_\_\_(decide) to look at the photos on the camera. They found lots of pictures of art, but then Sergio \_\_\_\_\_(see) a picture of a Greek statue and a young woman. Sergio \_\_\_\_\_(shout), "I know that woman!" It was Ana, of course, and she lived near Sergio. Sergio \_\_\_\_\_(take) the purse with the camera and went to Ana's apartment. When Ana \_\_\_\_\_(open) the door, she was very surprised to see her neighbor with her camera! Ana was so happy, but Sergio felt embarrassed.