

Finding Sammy

If my mom hadn't gone online, she never would have found Sammy. Mom recently got interested in social networking sites after seeing me spend hours online with my friends. She told me she wanted to find an old friend of hers from high school. Her name is Sammy and my mom had lost touch with her after graduating. Mom spent a ridiculously long time searching for Sammy with my help. As a result of all our work, we finally found her.

Sammy said that she had been living in Colombia, but she would be back in Miami for a few days. Sammy agreed to meet my mom in a big hotel downtown, and Mom said she would let me go with her. I was looking forward to meeting Sammy after hearing so much about her. When we got to the restaurant, Mom looked around but couldn't find Penny. Then a voice called out Mom's name. We turned around and saw this woman sitting at a table close to the door. Mom didn't really recognize her. Her hair was a different color, and Mom claimed that her personality was different, too. Mom said Sammy was shy and very quiet in high school, but this woman was lively and loud!

When it came time to go, Sammy said she had forgotten her credit card. Mom insisted on paying for all of us and got her card out. Sammy picked it up and said she'd take it to the waiter. Mom and I sat there waiting for Sammy until we realized she had left – with Mom's credit card! It had been a trick. That woman wasn't Sammy! The police caught her a few days later.

My mom eventually found the "real" Sammy, and she's extremely nice! She lives in a small town just a few miles from here. Every time they get together, they laugh about the "fake" Sammy.

Write the correct answers.

1. Jill's mother first got in touch with Penny after ____.
 - a. searching for her online
 - b. hearing news about her from another friend
 - c. Penny arrived in Miami
2. Jill and her mom met Penny ____.
 - a. in Colombia
 - b. in a hotel restaurant
 - c. at a high school
3. According to Jill's mother, Penny ____.
 - a. never had any money in high school
 - b. always wanted to travel when she was in high school
 - c. didn't look or act the same as she had in high school
4. The woman who said she was Penny met Jill's mom because.
 - a. she wanted to steal from her
 - b. she enjoyed meeting new people
 - c. she wanted to buy her lunch
5. When Jill's mom finally met the "real" Penny ____.
 - a. they were upset about what had happened
 - b. they thought what had happened was funny
 - c. they only talked about their experiences in high school