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Modern Family S2 Ep 10

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Read the story and answer the questions below

John, the CEO of a startup, was preparing for a virtual meeting with a potential client. He wanted to impress them with his team's ideas for their new product. He decided to conference in the marketing team to get their input on the project.

As he was waiting for the meeting to start, he realized he had forgotten his phone and wallet in his backpack. He had left it on the bench while he was playing basketball with his friends earlier that day. He quickly dialed his friend's number and asked him to check if his backpack was still there.

"Hey man, can you check if my backpack is still on the bench where we played basketball earlier?" John asked.

"Sorry dude, but someone snaked your backpack and took off with it a few minutes ago," his friend replied.

John was frustrated but he couldn't dwell on it, the meeting was about to start. He tried to stay focused as his marketing team joined the call and they started discussing the new product. But then he noticed that his colleague's virtual background was a beautiful garden. He interrupted the meeting and asked his colleague about it.

"Oh, that's just my backyard. I'm really into landscape design and creating natural-looking gardens," his colleague replied.

John was impressed and realized that his company's product could benefit from a similar approach. "That's a great idea! Let's incorporate that into our design. To create a natural-looking product, it's best to cluster our features and functionalities in different clumps rather than spacing them out evenly," John exclaimed.

The marketing team was delighted with the idea, and the client loved it too. The meeting ended on a high note, and John forgot all about his lost backpack. Until he received a call from the police, who had found his backpack abandoned in a clump of bushes in a nearby park. Turns out, the thief had taken what he wanted and dumped the backpack there. At least John got his phone and wallet back!

1. Who is John?
a) A marketing team member
b) A CEO of a startup
c) A thief
d) A police officer

2. What was John's goal for the virtual meeting?
a) To impress his friends
b) To discuss his favorite hobbies
c) To get input on a new product
d) To complain about losing his backpack

3. Why did John conference in the marketing team?
a) To show off his team's ideas
b) To get their input on the project
c) To ask for their help finding his backpack
d) To discuss his colleague's virtual background

4. What did John forget before the meeting?
a) His phone and wallet
b) His laptop and charger
c) His notes and presentation
d) His coffee and snacks

5. What happened to John's backpack?
a) He lost it on the way to the meeting
b) His friend took it by mistake
c) Someone stole it while he was playing basketball
d) The police confiscated it as evidence

6. How did John react when he found out his backpack was gone?
a) He got angry and yelled at his friend
b) He cried and canceled the meeting
c) He tried to stay focused on the meeting
d) He left the meeting to look for his backpack

7. What did John notice about his colleague's virtual background?
a) It was a picture of a city skyline
b) It was a video of a waterfall
c) It was a beautiful garden
d) It was a blank white screen

8. What idea did John come up with during the meeting?
a) To create a natural-looking product
b) To space out the features and functionalities evenly
c) To use a virtual background of a garden
d) To cancel the meeting and reschedule

9. How did the marketing team react to John's idea?
a) They were confused and didn't understand it
b) They were skeptical and didn't like it
c) They were delighted and loved it
d) They were indifferent and didn't care

10. What happened to John's backpack in the end?
a) The thief returned it to him
b) The police found it abandoned in a park
c) John's friend found it and brought it to him
d) John never found out what happened to it

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate vocabulary from the story

John: Hey man, can you check if my backpack is still on the bench where we played basketball earlier?
Friend: Sorry dude, but someone _____ your backpack and took off with it a few minutes ago.
John: (frustrated) Ugh, that's terrible. Anyway, let's _____ the marketing team now.

Marketing Team: Hi John!
Colleague: Hey John, what's up?
John: (distracted) Oh sorry, I just noticed your background. It's really beautiful. What is it?
Colleague: That's just my backyard. I'm into landscape design and creating natural-looking gardens.
John: (impressed) That's a great idea! Let's _____ that into our design. To create a natural-looking product, it's best to cluster our features and functionalities in different _____ rather than _____ them _____ evenly.
Marketing Team: That sounds fantastic!
Client: I agree. You guys have some great ideas.
(more discussion)
John: Alright everyone, let's call it quits for today. Thanks for all your hard work.

Later...
Police Officer: Hi John, we found your backpack abandoned in a _____ bushes at the park.
John: (surprised) Really? Did they take anything?
Police Officer: Looks like they took what they wanted and dumped it there. But your phone and wallet are safe.
John: Well, that's good news. At least I got those back.

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