

## 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!

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| 1. Who is John?                                     | 6. How did John react when he found out his backpack was gone?    |
| a) A marketing team member                          | a) He got angry and yelled at his friend                          |
| b) A CEO of a startup                               | b) He cried and canceled the meeting                              |
| c) A thief  | c) He tried to stay focused on the meeting                        |
| d) A police officer                                 | d) He left the meeting to look for his backpack                   |
| 2. What was John's goal for the virtual meeting?    | 7. What did John notice about his colleague's virtual background? |
| a) To impress his friends                           | a) It was a picture of a city skyline                             |
| b) To discuss his favorite hobbies                  | b) It was a video of a waterfall                                  |
| c) To get input on a new product                    | c) It was a beautiful garden                                      |
| d) To complain about losing his backpack            | d) It was a blank white screen                                    |
| 3. Why did John conference in the marketing team?   | 8. What idea did John come up with during the meeting?            |
| a) To show off his team's ideas                     | a) To create a natural-looking product                            |
| b) To get their input on the project                | b) To space out the features and functionalities evenly           |
| c) To ask for their help finding his backpack       | c) To use a virtual background of a garden                        |
| d) To discuss his colleague's virtual background    | d) To cancel the meeting and reschedule                           |
| 4. What did John forget before the meeting?         | 9. How did the marketing team react to John's idea?               |
| a) His phone and wallet                             | a) They were confused and didn't understand it                    |
| b) His laptop and charger                           | b) They were skeptical and didn't like it                         |
| c) His notes and presentation                       | c) They were delighted and loved it                               |
| d) His coffee and snacks                            | d) They were indifferent and didn't care                          |
| 5. What happened to John's backpack?                | 10. What happened to John's backpack in the end?                  |
| a) He lost it on the way to the meeting             | a) The thief returned it to him                                   |
| b) His friend took it by mistake                    | b) The police found it abandoned in a park                        |
| c) Someone stole it while he was playing basketball | c) John's friend found it and brought it to him                   |
| d) The police confiscated it as evidence            | 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.