

TEXT A

Lost and Found

Losing your wallet is a sure-fire way to ruin your own day. It starts with panic when you realize the loss, moves to a sinking feeling that your wallet is truly “missing in action”, continues with monitoring your credit card transactions, and usually ends with calls to the powers that be at every credit card company, bank, and gym membership you had stored in your wallet, while you mourn the loss of your cash.

Tim Cameron was most likely working through those stages of grief on Monday when he realized that he had lost his wallet on the way home from his job in London. Luckily, though, a Good Samaritan had found the wallet and came up with an ingenious plan to get it back to its rightful owner. Like most people who lose a wallet, Cameron quickly checked his bank account to see if there was any unauthorized or strange activity. Turns out there was – but for a good cause.

Cameron noticed that there were a series of bank transfers all for just one pence and each came with a very small message. Someone had found his wallet, but since there wasn't enough identifying information to track down the owner, he had come up with a way to send his name and phone number through the bank deposit notes. Cameron explained in a tweet that each of the “4 transfers of £0.01” allowed for “a message of up to 18 characters”, which is how the helpful stranger, known only as Simon, conveyed his contact information to Cameron.

Cameron called the number, got Simon's address, and soon enough was reunited with his wallet, handing over a bottle of red wine as a thank-you gift.

Adapted from “Kind Genius Returns a Man's Lost Wallet to Him in the Most Impressive Way,” *Time*, 15 October 2019. <<https://time.com/5699798/wallet-lost-bank-account/>>

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) In his wallet, Tim Cameron didn't keep any personal documents that had an address or a telephone number.

Evidence:

- b) Cameron didn't show any appreciation for Simon's help.

Evidence:

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) How do people normally react when they lose their wallets?

- b) What was the aim of doing the bank transfers?

3. Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) spoil (paragraph 1):
- b) noticed(paragraph2):
- c) thought of (paragraph 2):
- d) only(paragraph3):

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a) _____ (lose) your wallet is one of _____ (bad) things that can happen.
- b) The person _____ wallet I found, had left it _____ the bus.
- c) Stop _____ (complain)! We _____ (find) your wallet sooner or later!
- d) **Complete the following sentence to report what was said.**
 “You won’t believe what happened to me!” she said.
 She told me

NEW VOCABULARY - Use this space to write down all the new words you’ve found in the text

Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
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