

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Character, Setting & Events

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Case of the Lost Lunchbox

Ben could not find his lunchbox.

He checked his cubby. Not there.

He looked under his desk. Nope.

"Did you leave it outside?" asked his teacher.

Ben ran to the playground.

He saw his red lunchbox under the slide!

"It was here all along," he said.

He opened it. His sandwich was still cold.

"I'm glad it waited for me!"

Name: _____

The Case of the Lost Lunchbox

1. Where did Ben find his lunchbox?

- A. Under the slide
- B. In his backpack
- C. On the lunch table
- D. In his locker

2. Who helped Ben solve the mystery?

- A. His teacher
- B. His dog
- C. His friend
- D. His mom

3. Fill in the blank:

Ben found his red lunchbox under the _____.

4. How did Ben feel when he lost his lunchbox?

5. What were the three main places he looked?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: F

Lexile Level: 85L-225L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Mystery

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read a short mystery about a boy who can't find his lunchbox. As you read, look closely at where the story takes place, what Ben does to solve the problem, and how he feels."

Vocabulary: lunchbox, cubby, slide, mystery, cold

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever lost something at school?
 2. Where are some places kids leave things by mistake?
 3. What do you think Ben will do in this story?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where did Ben search first?
 2. What did his teacher ask him?
 3. Where was the lunchbox in the end?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How did Ben solve the problem?
 2. How would you describe Ben using details from the story?
 3. What are the setting and events in this mystery?
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Activity Idea

Have students draw their own "lost item mystery" and write 2–3 steps the character takes to find it. Students can read their mystery aloud to a partner like a detective story.

