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The Lost Key

UNIT 1

Pre-reading

1. What do you think he has lost?
2. Have you ever lost anything? What was it?
3. Where did you find it?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. _____ John is upset because his cat is sick.
2. _____ The dog searched for the bone for a long time.
3. _____ Check your bag. Maybe your key is in there.
4. _____ Where is the bathroom? I have to use the toilet.
5. _____ The boys ran down the hallway.
6. _____ Paul acts silly sometimes.

a. foolish and funny
b. sad; angry
c. make sure; see if true
d. looked for
The Lost Key

Last week at school, I couldn’t find my key. It was the key to my house, so I was really worried. How could I get in? I looked for the key everywhere. I looked in my bag, in and under my desk, behind the teacher’s desk, and near a window. I thought maybe it was under something on my desk. So, I picked all my papers up and looked under them. But I couldn’t find my key anywhere! I was the last student left in the class. Even the teacher was gone. My friends came down the hall and saw that I was upset, so they helped me search. I thought I left it out in the hallway, but it wasn’t there. I was worried I lost it down the toilet! How could I ever get it back if it was down the toilet? My friends and I looked everywhere, but we couldn’t find the key. Then, one of my friends told me to check in my pockets again. Oops! To my surprise, I found out that my key was in my pocket! It was there all along, but out of sight. I felt very silly. Now, my friends tease me about “losing” things. They say I can’t even see things right in front of me!

(217 words)

Word Practice

Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. Donna, don’t be ______. You can’t eat soup with a fork!
   a. silly       b. alone       c. near       d. surprised

2. Marcia was very ______ because she failed the exam.
   a. teasing     b. upset       c. last       d. gone

3. When Dave ______ his key, he couldn’t open the door.
   a. looked      b. found       c. lost       d. searched

4. Louis walked down the long ______ to go to his classroom.
   a. sight       b. toilet      c. hallway    d. pocket
**Reading Comprehension**

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the reading?
   a. Losing something
   b. Feeling upset
   c. Helping friends
   d. Searching in pockets

2. What did the boy’s friends do?
   a. They helped search for the key.
   b. They laughed at the funny story.
   c. They took the boy’s key.
   d. They upset the boy.

3. Where was the boy’s key?
   a. Under his desk
   b. In his pocket
   c. Behind a box
   d. In the hallway

4. What does “it” refer to in line 4 of the reading?
   a. The desk
   b. The floor
   c. The window
   d. The key

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**Focus On Prepositions**

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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1. I looked ___________ my desk. It was not on the floor.
2. I checked ___________ the door. It wasn’t there.
3. I searched ___________ my keys in the classroom.
4. I looked ___________ my pockets. I found them!
The boy was 1_________. He 2_________ his key. He 3_________ everywhere for it. He checked in his classroom and in the 4_________. He even looked for it in the toilet. His friends came and helped him look. He finally found the key in his pocket and felt very 5_________.

Words and Phrases

- **out of sight**
  
  The car drove away and was quickly **out of sight**.

- **down the (hall / street / road)**
  
  I live down the **street** from Evan’s house.

- **right (beside / above / in front of / behind)**
  
  Jean thought Kenny was gone, but he was **right in front of** her.

Fill in the blank with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. It is so dark! I can’t see my hand ______________ of me.
2. The school office is ______________ hall.
3. “Where’s Emma?” “She’s ______________, under the blanket.”

Summary

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

- **silly**
- **upset**
- **hallway**
- **searched**
- **lost**

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My Story Notes

Have you ever lost something? Write some notes.

What did you lose?

How did you feel?

Where did you look?

Finally, where did you find it?

Using your notes, write your story in complete sentences.

Writing

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Speak

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blank with the correct choice.

A 1_____________________________________
B 2_____________________________________

Will you help me look for it?

A Sure. Where did you look for it?
B I looked in 3_____________________________________.

A Did you check in the classroom or near the window?
B Yes.

A Well, let’s keep looking.
B I found it! It was 4_____________________________________!

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. My ball was behind the door, just _______.
   a. out of sight    b. found    c. lost    d. was gone

2. Jessica walked down the ________ to go to her bedroom.
   a. hallway    b. nature    c. planet    d. toilet

3. Mom ________ my video game. She said I played too much!
   a. took care of    b. took away    c. was tied at    d. got through

4. I ________ everywhere for my puppy. She was under my bed!
   a. went over to    b. left    c. searched    d. drove