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"**M**om, my purple hair tie? It's missing," Meredith said, looking through her jewelry box.

Mom poked her head in the room. "No, sweetie. Are you sure you put it away after you wore it last?"

"I don't remember," Meredith said. She grabbed the pink hair tie. "I guess this one will match my outfit."

"Good. Now hurry up and get

Meredith got dressed, but she could only find one of her socks. "Mom, have you seen my other sock?"

Mom walked back into Meredith's room. "Where was the one you're wearing?" she asked, pointing to Meredith's foot.

Meredith lowered her head. "In my bed."

Mom frowned. "So then you didn't put your laundry away last

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night like I asked you to.”

“I was in the middle of doing my homework, and I sort of forgot.”

“Find another pair of socks to wear today, then.” Mom walked out of the room, and Meredith grabbed another pair of socks from her drawer.

After she put her shoes on, Meredith searched for her

without her spelling homework.

“Sweetie, you’re just going to have to explain that you aren’t doing a good job of keeping track of your things. If you started putting things away, this wouldn’t happen.” Mom placed a hand on Meredith’s shoulder. “Now go feed Mr. Whiskers before we go.”



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“My homework. I did it last night. I left it on my desk, but it’s not there.”

“Did you check in your bed? Maybe it’s with your missing sock.” Mom pulled the blankets off the bed, but the homework wasn’t there.

“What am I going to do?” Meredith asked, picturing the disappointed look on Mr. Baxter’s face when she showed up

and nuzzled Meredith’s leg. And there in his bed was her hair tie, sock, and spelling homework.

“Mom! Mr. Whiskers took my stuff.” She scooped up the items.

Mom laughed when she saw the things in Meredith’s hands. “I guess you’ll be more careful to put your things away from now on, huh?”

“Yeah, Mr. Whiskers will make sure of that,” Meredith said.

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1. What three things did Meredith lose in this story?

2. Explain how Meredith could have prevented her things from being lost.



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generous

thoughtful

disorganized

unkempt

4. What lesson can be learned from this story?

- a. Sometimes when your things are missing it's not your fault.
- b. It is important to put your belongings away.
- c. Mothers should help their kids by cleaning up after them.
- d. Always finish your homework on time

5. Where did Meredith find her lost items?

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1.

w e y r
l j e

clue: necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings

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clue: pile of clothes that have been cleaned or that need to be cleaned

4.

r a d
e w r

clue: sliding storage box in a dresser or cabinet

5.

s i a o p n
p t i e d d

clue: feeling of being let down; feeling of unhappiness

6.

z l d u
e n z

clue: pushed against with a nose or snout

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In the story, "Misplaced," Meredith can't find her hair band, her sock, or her homework. Her mother talked to her about being more organized.

Are you an organized person? Describe why you think you are or are not organized.





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**Her cat, Mr. Whiskers, had taken the items. He was laying on them
in his cat bed.**

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