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The lost puppy was found hiding under the neighbors car.

Loss is a noun. It is the fact or process of losing someone or something.
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Write the word **loss** or **lost** in each blank to correctly complete the sentence.

- Remember to hike in groups so that no one gets _____ on the trail.
- Saturday's game was our first _____ of the season.
- "It's not a complete _____ because the handlebars still work," Darius said, staring at his wrecked bicycle.
- Put an identification tag on your pet in case it should ever get _____.

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- "A gain is when you make money. A _____ is when you lose money," my dad explained.
- Grant _____ his temper when his little sister spilled juice on his report.
- Ava was upset about her _____ in the spelling bee.

ANSWER KEY

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