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Misplaced

by Kelly Hashway

"Mom, have you seen 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 ready or you'll be late for school."

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 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 homework, but it was gone.

"Mom!"

This time when her mother appeared in the doorway, she had her arms crossed. "What did you lose now?"

"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 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."

Meredith slung her backpack over her shoulder and walked to the laundry room where Mr. Whiskers ate his breakfast. He was fast asleep in his cozy cat bed. She reached down and patted his soft head. He purred, got 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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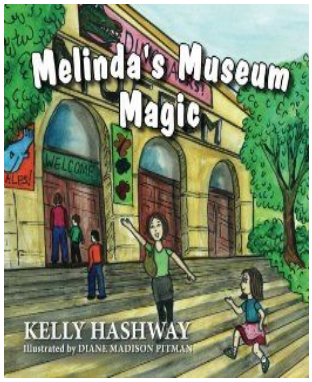

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2. Explain how Meredith could have prevented her things from being lost.

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3. Circle the word that best describes Meredith.

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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Clue: necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings

2. **n o d e f w r** _____

Clue: made a sad face

3. **r a d u y n l** _____

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.

ANSWER KEY

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her hair band, her sock, and her homework

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

She could have put them away where they belonged.

3. Circle the word that best describes Meredith.

generous thoughtful (disorganized) unkempt

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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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1. w e y r l j e — **jewelry**

Clue: necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings

2. n o d e f w r — **frowned**

Clue: made a sad face

3. r a d u y n l — **laundry**

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

4. r a d e w r — **drawer**

Clue: sliding storage box in a dresser or cabinet

5. s i a o p n p t i e d d — **disappointed**

Clue: feeling of being let down; feeling of unhappiness

6. z l d u e n z — **nuzzled**

Clue: pushed against with a nose or snout