

# The Case of the Missing Lunchbox

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In the bustling hallways of Jefferson Elementary School, there was always something exciting happening. However, today, there was an air of mystery and curiosity, for something very unusual had occurred.

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happening at Jefferson Elementary, and the students were determined to get to the bottom of it.

The students gathered in the library during their lunch break to brainstorm and investigate the unusual events. They knew they needed clues to solve the mystery. Here's what they discovered:

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Clue 1: The disappearances occurred during lunchtime, and they seemed to target items that were especially cherished by their owners.

Clue 2: There was an unusual smell lingering in the air, something like freshly baked cookies.

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escape route.

Determined to catch the culprit, the young detectives devised a plan. They set a trap during lunchtime. Jayden left his comic books out, and Scarlet left her treasured book on her desk, both partially hidden under schoolwork. Meanwhile, Melanie, equipped with a small bag of flour from the art class, dusted it lightly over her desk.

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As the lunch bell rang, the students hid behind bookshelves, watching and waiting. It didn't take long for the mystery to unfold. A mischievous student named Lucas, known for his love of cookies and a sweet tooth, entered the classroom. He couldn't resist the sight and smell of the cookies, which were, in fact, oatmeal raisin cookies baked by his grandma.

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From that day on, the mystery of the missing lunchbox became a legendary tale at Jefferson Elementary School, a reminder that even in the most perplexing situations, a group of determined friends can unravel any mystery, one clue at a time.

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- 1) What was the first item to disappear?
- A) Jayden's comic books
  - B) Melanie's lunchbox
  - C) Scarlet's favorite novel
  - D) Lucas's oatmeal raisin cookies

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- 4) Write T if the statements are true and F if they're false.
- a) Melanie's lunchbox was the only item that disappeared during lunchtime. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Lucas took the items because he was hungry and wanted lunch. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) The students' plan to catch the thief involved leaving out tempting bait and using flour to reveal the thief's identity. \_\_\_\_\_

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5) Why did the students believe the thief was someone who knew them well?

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8) What motivated Lucas to take the items?

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- 9) Why did the students believe the thief used freshly baked cookies to mask their true scent?

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