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# The Lost Mitten

Year 3 reading comprehension · Story · 11 marks · About 15 minutes

Zara's favourite red mitten was missing. She had worn both mittens to school that morning. Now only one was left in her pocket.

"I can't go home without it," said Zara. Her eyes felt hot and prickly. Mrs Okafor, the lunch helper, knelt down beside her.

"Let's think," said Mrs Okafor. "Where did you go after break?"

Zara thought hard. She had played in the garden, and then she had run back to class. At the garden gate she stopped. "The bench!" she cried. "I took my mittens off to eat my apple."

They hurried back to the bench. There, tucked between two planks, was the red mitten. Soft leaves and moss were stuffed inside the thumb. Something small moved.

A robin hopped out of the mitten, shook his feathers and flew up to the fence.

Zara giggled. "He was making a nest!" she said. She felt sad for just a second, and then she smiled. "He can keep it warm for tonight," she whispered. "I'll get it tomorrow."

**1.** What colour was Zara's favourite mitten? (1 mark)

**2.** Who helped Zara to look for her mitten? (1 mark)

**3.** Find and copy one word that means "went quickly". (1 mark)

**4.** How did Zara feel when she could not find her mitten? Use a detail from the story to explain how you know. (2 marks)

**5.** Why did Zara remember the bench? (1 mark)

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**6.** Why do you think the robin chose the mitten as a place for a nest? (2 marks)

**7.** Number these events 1 to 4 in the order they happen. (2 marks)

- [ ] A robin hops out of the mitten.
- [ ] Zara notices that one mitten is missing.
- [ ] Mrs Okafor asks where Zara went after break.
- [ ] Zara remembers the bench.

**8.** Do you think Zara was right to leave the mitten for the robin? Give a reason. (1 mark)

**Writing task:** Write a short story about a time you lost something and found it in a surprising place.

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