

Read the article and do the tasks that follow.

Travelling abroad: lost and (sometimes) found

Losing something on holiday is never fun. Here, four people tell us their stories about losing something abroad.

A. Darius

One morning, on holiday with my wife, I went down to the pool alone. While I was swimming, I saw that my wedding ring wasn't on my finger. It was in the water! I asked people around me to look for it but none of us could find it. I was afraid to tell my wife, but she was fine about it. She bought me a new ring when we got home.

B. Alice

My family and I were staying at a house in Florida. One morning, I put my phone on top of the car while I was putting my youngest child in his car seat. Then I got into the car and we drove off. Later, I wanted to take photos, but I couldn't find my phone anywhere. I looked in every bag, but it wasn't there! We found it when my husband drove over it. He was parking the car in front of our house and he didn't see it. It was completely broken. I was very upset about it at the time, but we can all laugh about it now.

C. Lucas

I was in Mexico with some friends. We had a fantastic week in Tijuana. On our last day, we left the hotel and got in the car to go home. When we got to security at the border between Mexico and the USA, I couldn't find my passport. We went back to the hotel, but it wasn't there. I couldn't believe it! My friends had jobs to go to so they went home. I went to the US Embassy in Tijuana to get a new passport. It took two days. I wasn't pleased, but I felt worse when I got home and found my lost passport at the bottom of my bag.

D. Emi

I was so excited when I landed in Paris that I got off the plane very quickly. In the arrivals hall, I saw that my purse wasn't in my bag. It was on my seat on the plane! I went to the airline desk and told them the problem. After an hour, someone brought me my purse. I was very pleased!

Task 1. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1. Darius asked others for help. | T | F |
| 2. Darius's wife was upset about the ring. | T | F |
| 3. Darius got a gift after his holiday. | T | F |
| 4. Alice forgot something because she was helping someone else. | T | F |
| 5. Alice thought it was funny when she found her phone. | T | F |
| 6. Lucas found his passport when he was at the hotel. | T | F |
| 7. Lucas's friends stayed with him in Mexico. | T | F |
| 8. Lucas was happy when he found his passport. | T | F |
| 9. Emi did something too fast. | T | F |
| 10. Emi got the lost item back safely without any problems. | T | F |

Task 2. Complete each sentence with one or two words from the article.

- Darius was in the _____ on his own.
- Alice wanted to use her phone to _____.
- Alice's _____ was driving the car.
- Lucas and his friends were in Tijuana for one _____.
- Emi looked for her wallet when she was in the _____ of the airport.
- Emi asked for help at the _____.

Task 3. Complete the plans with the name of a writer from the article.

- Next time, _____ is going to put everything in their car before they help others.
- Next time, _____ is going to carefully check their bag when they can't find something.
- Next time, _____ is going to check they have everything at the end of a flight.
- Next time, _____ is going to take off one important thing before going swimming.

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F 6. F 7. F 8. F 9. T 10. T

Task 2.

1. pool 2. take photos 3. husband
4. week 5. arrivals hall 6. airline desk

Task 3.

1. Alice 2. Lucas 3. Emi 4. Darius