

A new case: the missing keys

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Read all four notes. Nora cannot find her keys.

NORA | 14:00

I put my keys in a small red pencil case on the reception desk. Then I went to lunch.

PEDRO | 14:10

I carried the red pencil case from reception to the meeting room. I put it on top of the cupboard. I didn't open it.

MEI | 14:20

I saw the closed red pencil case on top of the meeting-room cupboard. I did not open it.

ALI | 14:05

I carried a red backpack outside. It held two books and my lunch. There were no keys inside.

1. Where should Nora look? Give three connected facts in your notebook.

Which red container is useful evidence? Which one is not?

Remember

Did + base verb: Did you open it? / **didn't + base verb:** I didn't open it.

Who + past verb: Who carried it? Pedro carried it.

2. Complete the questions. Then answer from the notes.

1. Where _____ Nora _____ her keys at 14:00? (put)
2. _____ Pedro _____ the pencil case? (open)
3. Who _____ the pencil case to the meeting room? (carry)
4. What _____ Ali's backpack _____? (contain)

3. Write Nora a 30-50 word message in your notebook.

Say where you think the keys are. Give two facts and ask one past question.
Use only the notes. You can begin: Hi Nora, I think...

Homework answers

PLAY2 · Check the facts, the container and your question forms

Task 1: the best place to check

Inside the red pencil case, on top of the meeting-room cupboard.

At 14:00 Nora put the keys in that pencil case. At 14:10 Pedro moved the case to the meeting room and put it on the cupboard. At 14:20 Mei saw the same closed case there. The notes therefore support looking there first; nobody reported checking its contents in the meeting room.

Ali's red backpack is a different container. It held books and lunch, not keys. Matching the colour alone is not enough.

Task 2

1. **did / put** - in a red pencil case on the reception desk.
2. **Did / open** - no, he didn't.
3. **carried** - Pedro.
4. **did / contain** - two books and Ali's lunch.

Task 3: one possible message

Hi Nora, I think your keys are in the red pencil case on top of the meeting-room cupboard. You put them in the case, and Pedro carried it there. Did you check the cupboard?

Other natural messages are welcome. Check: recommended place, two accurate facts

and one past question. Keep think if you are recommending a place to look.

Next lesson, tell a partner about a real or invented lost object and answer two questions.