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Hunting For Details

Directions: Read the short story carefully. As you read, act like a **detail detective**: look for important clues that explain how the boy solved his problem.

Underline three key details in the passage that show how he found his lost library book. After reading, answer the detective questions at the bottom.

The Case of the Missing Library Book

Ethan loved visiting the library every Saturday. One afternoon, he realized with a jolt that his library book was missing. He looked around his bedroom, checking his desk and under the bed, but it wasn't there.

Ethan thought hard about where he last saw it. He remembered reading the book on the school bus yesterday. He rushed to his backpack, but the book wasn't inside. Next, he retraced his steps after school. He recalled taking the book out to show his best friend at recess.

Excited, Ethan ran to his coat pocket, and there it was: the book had been folded inside his jacket the whole time. He smiled with relief, ready to return it to the library just in time.

Detective Questions

1. Where was the book finally found?

2. What steps did Ethan take before he discovered the book?

3. Why is it important to notice details in the story?
