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## It's Missing Something



**Instructions:** Read each short passage carefully. Then choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence from the given options. Use clues from the passage to help you make the best inference.

**1. The Forgotten Lunch** - Lena looked around the cafeteria and sighed. She reached into her backpack once more, but all she found was an old receipt and a broken pencil. She had meant to pack her lunch, but in the morning rush, she had clearly forgotten. Her stomach growled as she watched her friends unwrap their sandwiches. She leaned back and said, "Looks like today, I'm having \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch."

- A) nothing      B) a feast      C) pizza      D) candy

**2. The Late Arrival** - Jason glanced at the clock—7:53 AM. The bus stop was two blocks away, and school started at 8:00 sharp. He dashed out the door, nearly tripping over his shoelaces, and sprinted down the sidewalk. When he finally reached the classroom, his hair was a mess and he was gasping for air. Everyone turned to look as he entered, and the teacher raised an eyebrow. Jason gave a sheepish smile and said, "Sorry I'm late. I had to \_\_\_\_\_."

- A) stop for coffee      B) take a nap      C) wrestle a lion      D) race the wind

**3. The Mysterious Package** - When Mia got home, there was a small box on her doorstep. No name, no return address. She brought it inside and carefully opened the lid. Inside was a crumpled note that read, "You'll need this soon." Beneath the note was a single glove, made of leather and lined with fleece. She held it up, confused, then glanced out the window and saw dark clouds forming. "Well," she murmured, "that was \_\_\_\_\_."

- A) weird      B) lucky timing      C) expensive      D) useless

**4. The Classroom Whisper** - Amir was staring at his math test, completely stuck on question five. He tapped his pencil against the desk, hoping inspiration would strike. Suddenly, he heard a whisper from behind him: "It's 42." Amir didn't turn around, but a small smile crept onto his face. He quickly wrote the answer and sat up straight. Later, when he got the test back, he saw a big red X on that question. He muttered, "Next time, I'll trust \_\_\_\_\_."

- A) my instincts      B) the whisper      C) my calculator      D) nothing