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## Five-Finger Mystery

Summaries are short versions of stories that keep only the most important details. The **Five-Finger Summary** uses each finger as a guide:

- **Thumb - Who?** The main character.
- **Pointer - What?** The main action or goal.
- **Middle - Where?** The setting.
- **Ring - When?** The time.
- **Pinky - Why?** The reason it matters.

When you put all five together, you create a strong summary!

**Directions:** Read the short passage below. Fill in the Five-Finger Summary prompts that follow. Then, combine your answers into one short summary sentence.

### The Lost Library Book

Maya checked out her favorite mystery book from the school library. She carried it everywhere, even to soccer practice. One morning, she realized the book was missing and panicked. After retracing her steps, she found it tucked in her soccer bag. Relieved, Maya returned it on time, thankful she had not lost it for good.

**WHO?**

**WHAT?**

**WHERE?**

**WHEN?**

**WHY?**



Write your one-sentence summary: