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## Five-Finger Mystery Answer Key

### Five-Finger Prompts (Sample Answers):

- **Who?** Maya
- **What?** She lost and then found her library book
- **Where?** At school and in her soccer bag
- **When?** One morning before school
- **Why?** Because returning the book on time was important to her

### Model One-Sentence Summary:

Maya realized she had lost her library book one morning, but after retracing her steps at school, she found it in her soccer bag and returned it on time.

### Teacher Notes

- Stress that each answer should be short, just a phrase, not a full retelling.
- Students may confuse “why” with “what happened,” so guide them to think about the **reason the event mattered** (she didn’t want to lose the book or miss returning it).
- For differentiation, let younger students draw a hand and write one or two words on each finger, while advanced students write more detailed phrases.
- Extension idea: Pair students and have them exchange their five-finger notes to see if they can guess the story’s main idea.