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Where's My Wallet?

A short story for A1-A2 learners



Vocabulary

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| 1.reservation | A. paper money or coins |
| 2.waiter | B. a small object for keeping money and cards |
| 3.fancy | C. without other people |
| 4.table | D. plastic used to pay |
| 5.chair | E. person at the front desk of a hotel |
| 6.dessert | F. paper that shows what you need to pay |
| 7.customer | G. a thing used to call someone |
| 8.busy | H. give money for something |
| 9.pasta | I. place to sleep when you travel |
| 10.share | J. something you carry things in |



Part 1 – A Great Meal

Maya is visiting a small town in Spain. She finds a cosy little restaurant and sits outside in the sun. She orders paella, orange juice, and chocolate cake.

“This is the best meal ever!” she says.

After eating, she asks for the bill. The waiter brings it with a smile.

Maya opens her bag... and stops.

“Oh no,” she says. “I forgot my wallet!”



What do you do when you forget something important?



Part 2 – What Now?

Maya checks again. No wallet. No cash. No card. She feels nervous and a little embarrassed. She looks at the waiter. “I forgot my wallet,” she says quietly.

“Can I call a friend to help?”

The waiter shrugs. “Of course.”

But Maya’s friend doesn’t answer. Maya sighs. “I can work here to pay! I can wash dishes!”



How would you feel in this situation?



Part 3 – A Surprise

The waiter laughs. “Wash dishes? You don’t have to!”

“But I want to do something!” Maya says.

Then the waiter asks, “Do you have your phone?”

“Yes...” Maya replies.

“We accept phone payments,” he smiles.

Maya’s eyes go wide. “Really?! That’s great!”



Have you ever paid with your phone?



Part 4 – All Good in the End

Maya quickly pays with her phone. The waiter hands her a receipt.

“Everything is okay now,” he says.

Maya laughs. “Thank you! I almost became a dishwasher today!”

“No problem,” the waiter says. “It happens!”

Maya leaves the restaurant smiling. “Next time, wallet first, food second,” she says.



Do you always check your bag before going out?



Let's talk!

- Have you ever forgotten your wallet at a restaurant?
- Would you wash dishes to pay for your food?
- Do you usually carry cash, a card, or use your phone to pay?
- What would you do if you had no way to pay for a meal?
- How do you feel when something goes wrong in public?
- Have you ever helped someone who forgot their wallet?
- What is the best meal you've ever had in a restaurant?