

Reading: a short story

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The Last Bus. Jamal checked his phone: 22:47. The last bus left at 22:50, and the stop was two streets away. He ran. Behind him, footsteps — quick, then quicker. He didn't turn round. At the corner, the bus was already there, doors open. He jumped in, breathing hard, and only then looked back. A girl of about his age stood at the stop, holding out his wallet. „You dropped this," she said, just as the doors closed.

1 Answer the questions in full sentences.

Use the simple past, like the story.

- a) Why is Jamal in a hurry?
- b) What does he hear behind him, and how does he react?
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- c) Who was following him and why?
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- d) What is the problem at the end of the story?
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2 Find the words in the text.

Read the text again slowly for each question.

- a) a word that means „ran fast and jumped into"
- b) a word for the thing you keep money in
- c) two words that show Jamal is afraid
- d) the sentence that changes the whole story
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3 Explain the effect. Write one or two sentences each.

Think about suspense: what the reader knows and what the reader expects.

- a) Why does the author write „quick, then quicker" instead of „the footsteps got faster"?
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- b) Why don't we learn until the end who the girl is?
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- c) What do you think Jamal feels when the doors close?
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4 Write what happens next in five to seven sentences.

Keep the tense (simple past) and the tone (short sentences, suspense).

- a) Does he get his wallet back? What does the girl do?
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