

# Reporting a theft



**Sarah** Excuse me?  
**Police officer** Yes. How can I help?  
**Sarah** I think someone has stolen my **bag**.  
**Police officer** OK, I'll just take some details. Could you tell me where and when you last had it?  
**Sarah** I think I left it in a **café in King Street, about an hour ago**.  
**Police officer** And you've been back to the **café** to see if it's there?  
**Sarah** Yes, I went straight back but it wasn't there.  
**Police officer** Can you describe it?  
**Sarah** Yes, it's **blue and white**. It's made of **canvas**.  
**Police officer** Can you tell me what was in the **bag**?  
**Sarah** Yes, my **wallet, a pen and some keys**.  
**Police officer** OK. Was there any identification in the **bag**?  
**Sarah** I'm not sure.  
**Police officer** That's fine. So, could you just give me your name?

- 1 (3.06) Read and listen to the dialogue. What was stolen? When and where did it happen?
- 2 Work in pairs. Practise reading the dialogue in exercise 1, changing the words in **bold**. Use the information from the box.

| Item stolen | Where and when               | Colour | Material | Contents            |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|
| wallet      | shop at about 11 o'clock     | black  | leather  | £20 in cash         |
| schoolbag   | internet café, two hours ago | green  | canvas   | school books, pens  |
| sports bag  | park, just now               | white  | plastic  | trainers, tracksuit |

- 3 (3.07) Listen to the dialogues. Which of Julia's items were stolen? Which of Malcolm's items were stolen?

bus pass bag credit card wallet mobile phone  
 schoolbag £20 store cards

- 4 (3.07) Listen again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 When did Julia realize that her wallet was missing?  
 a an hour ago  
 b 30 minutes ago  
 c 15 minutes ago
- 2 What advice does the police officer give to Julia?  
 a She should go back to the shop.  
 b She should contact the credit card company.  
 c She should contact the travel insurance company.
- 3 What colour is Julia's wallet, and what is it made of?  
 a blue, made of leather  
 b black, made of plastic  
 c black, made of leather
- 4 What had the thief done with Malcolm's schoolbag?  
 a He had thrown it into a garden.  
 b He had thrown it into a river.  
 c He had given it to someone.
- 5 What make and model was the mobile?  
 a Nokia 6260  
 b Nokia 6060  
 c Nokia 6062
- 6 What does the officer ask Malcolm to do?  
 a get a new bus pass  
 b get a new mobile  
 c fill in a form

- 5 Work in pairs. Prepare a dialogue in a police station following the chart below.

## Police officer

Greet the person. Ask if you can help.

## Student

Tell the officer that someone has stolen your bag.

Ask where and when it happened.

Answer the question.

Ask for a description of the bag.

Answer the question.

Ask what was in the bag.

Answer the question.

Ask for a description of the item(s) in the bag.

Answer the question.

Give some advice. What should he / she do now?

Thank the officer.

- 6 Act out your dialogue to the class.