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Level 18

Running Words 462 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Where did Owen look for his missing hat?
2 What was the name of Owen's favourite football team?
3 What did Owen want to do with the football jumper?
4 What did Owen think was the right thing to do with the jumper?

Inferential

5 Why had Owen always wanted a jumper like the one he found?
6 Why did Owen hide the football jumper when he got home?
7 How did Owen feel when Mr Basu asked about the jumper the next day at school?
8 Why did Zaina ask Owen if he wanted to borrow the football jumper?

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Chapter 1

The Lost and Found Box

It was Tuesday afternoon.
Owen's class were packing up their things
for the day.

As Owen put his books in his bag,
he saw that his hat was missing.
He turned to his teacher, Mr Basu, and said,
"I can't find my hat!"

"You might have left it outside at lunchtime,"
said Mr Basu.
"Check the Lost and Found box
before you go home."

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After class, Owen rushed to the Lost and Found box.
He looked inside. His hat was on top,
next to a football jumper.

Owen held the jumper up and looked at it.
It was a Stingrays jumper
with the number 12 on the back.

The Stingrays were his favourite team,
and number 12 belonged to Zac Gomez.
Zac was Owen's favourite player!

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Owen checked to see who owned the jumper,
but the name tag was missing.

Owen had *always* wanted a jumper like this one.
It would be great to take
to Charlie's party on Sunday.

Owen quickly pushed the jumper
into his bag and zipped it up tightly.
Then, he grabbed his hat
and went to meet his mum at the school gate.

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