



## Listen to this story

Pan Aiying is a teacher in Shandong, China. One evening she is cycling home from work. Suddenly a thief on a motorbike pulls alongside her. He grabs Pan's handbag and speeds away.

Pan is very upset. Inside the bag is a mobile phone, her make-up and other personal possessions. There is also a purse containing around 4,900 Yuan (\$300 US). It's the money to pay her rent.

When she calls her phone there's no answer. So Pan sends a text message.

'You can keep the money if you really need it,' she texts, 'but please return the other things to me. We all make mistakes.'

## No Reply

That message receives no reply. Nor do the other twenty messages Pan sends to her phone. 'I won't see my bag again,' she thinks sadly.

Three days later Pan has a happy surprise. When she returns home from work she finds the bag outside the front door of her home. 'It's all here!' she cries. 'My money, my phone – everything!'

Inside the bag there's also a letter. It's from the thief:

*Dear Pan*

*I'm very sorry for stealing your bag. Please forgive me. I read your messages and they made me rethink my life. Even though I did you harm, you still tried to help me.*

*I made a mistake but I want to change. I want to become a good person like you ...*

## Correct the false information

1. Pan teaches Chinese
2. She rides a motorcycle to work.
3. A thief steals her motorcycle.
4. She tells the thief to return her money.
5. The thief returns Pan's bag to where she works.

## Find this in information in the text

6. What do these numbers refer to  
a) 20    b) 600    c) 4,900

## New Vocabulary

*In this story there are some words you may not know. Can you guess what these word mean **without a dictionary**?*

1. He **grabs** Pan's handbag  
a) buys    b) take forcefully    c) take gently
2. It's the money to pay her **rent**.  
*Rent here is money for*  
a) accommodation    b) shoes    c) school.
3. Even though I did you **harm**  
a) hurt/damage    b) help    c) made you rich

## Writing

1. You are Pan. Write your diary for the week of the robbery.
2. Write Pan's first three text messages to the thief.

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