

10 Lost and found

- 1 a Look at the pictures. Can you guess how the three people lost their wedding rings?



- b Read the stories and check your ideas. Where was each ring found?

- 2 Read the articles again. Fill in the gaps in these sentences with Adam, Lena or Violet.

- 1 Lena couldn't wear the ring after she found it.
- 2 _____ found the ring after a friend read about it.
- 3 _____ didn't look for the ring after it was lost.
- 4 _____ wanted to get rid of the ring.
- 5 _____ found the ring without any help.
- 6 _____'s ring was not found in the ground.
- 7 _____ was cooking when the ring disappeared.
- 8 _____ was very angry at the time of the loss.

- 3 Have you ever lost something important to you? How did you feel? How did you try to find it? What happened in the end?

Butcher finds lost wedding ring

Adam Haxhi was visiting a dairy farm in Lang Lang, Australia, when a calf sucked the wedding ring from his finger. Three years later, Mr Haxhi has been reunited with his missing jewellery after a butcher discovered his ring inside the stomach of one of the cows from the farm.

The butcher told the farmer, Mr Jelbart, of his discovery. Mr Jelbart remembered that a farm visitor had reported a calf sucking the ring off his finger all those years ago, and he eventually managed to get in touch with the ring's owner. Mr Haxhi said, 'One of my mates in Sydney rang me because he'd seen something in the paper about a ring being found inside a cow.'

'I was surprised it turned up,' he added. 'I didn't really expect to see it again.'

Wedding ring found in garden

A Swedish woman lost her white-gold wedding ring, set with seven diamonds, in her kitchen 16 years ago and had given up hope of ever seeing the ring again. Now she has found it ... around a carrot in her garden!

Lena Pahlsson's ring went missing while doing some cooking with her daughters. After years of searching for it – including removing the kitchen's flooring – she had completely forgotten about it. But then she spotted something shiny while pulling up the carrots. Her family think the ring probably got mixed up with some potato peelings and ended up in the compost they add to the garden soil. Mrs Pahlsson is having the ring re-sized as it no longer fits.

Reunited with ring after 67 years

A British woman who threw her engagement ring into a field after a disagreement with her fiancé has been reunited with it almost 70 years later. Violet Booth, then Violet Bailey, threw the diamond ring away after arguing with her husband-to-be, Samuel. The childhood sweethearts quickly made up, but after searching unsuccessfully for the ring, they believed it was lost forever.

Amazingly Mrs Booth, now 88, is able to wear it again after her grandson found it buried in the field. 'It was only buried about three to four inches down,' said the grandson, 'and it wasn't even damaged. I just gave it a wipe and that was it. It was incredible.'

1 b Adam Haxhi's ring was found inside a cow. Lena Pahlsson's ring was found around a carrot in her garden. Violet Booth's ring was found in the field where she had thrown it 70 years ago. 2 Adam 3 Adam 4 Violet 5 Lena 6 Adam 7 Lena 8 Violet