

The Mystery of the Lost Sock

Article: *The Mystery of the Lost Sock*

Every morning, Mia folds the laundry. She counts each item: five shirts, three pairs of trousers, and wait, only **one sock**.

“Again?!” she sighs. This isn’t the first time a sock has disappeared. Her brother blames the washing machine. Her dad says the dog probably took it. Mia doesn’t believe either.

One day, while searching under the bed, she sees something strange: a **tiny door**, just big enough for a sock to fit through. She opens it. Behind the door is a tunnel filled with... **socks**. All kinds. Stripy, spotty, plain. Socks from months ago!

Mia laughs. “The socks aren’t lost; they’ve run away!”

She grabs her sock and closes the door. But the next day, another sock is missing.





Vocabulary Practice:

Word	Meaning	Example Sentence
Laundry	Clothes that need washing	Mia is folding the laundry.
Disappear	To go missing	One sock disappeared again.
Tunnel	A long underground passage	There was a sock tunnel under her bed.
Stripy	With lines or stripes	She found a stripy sock.
Blame	Say someone is responsible	Her brother blames the washing machine.
Sigh	Let out a deep breath (often annoyed)	Mia sighed when the sock was missing.

Pronunciation Practice

Practice together:

- **laundry**
- **sigh**
- **blame**
- **tunnel**

Phrases to say aloud:

“The sock disappeared again!”

“I found a tiny tunnel!”



Grammar Focus 1: Past Continuous

Used to describe actions in progress in the past.

Structure:

was/were + verb-ing

Examples:

- Mia **was folding** the laundry.
- Her brother **was blaming** the dog.

Practice:

Fill in the blanks:

1. Mia _____ (search) under the bed.
2. The socks _____ (run) through the tunnel.
3. Her dad _____ (laugh) at the story.

Grammar Focus 2: Present Perfect

Used to talk about something that happened at an unspecified time in the past.

Structure:

have/has + past participle

Examples:

- Mia **has found** a hidden door.
- The socks **have disappeared** many times.

Practice:

1. Mia _____ (find) many old socks.
2. Her sock _____ (not come) back.
3. The washing machine _____ (eat) socks again!

Comprehension Questions

1. What does Mia do every morning?
2. What is always missing from the laundry?
3. Where does she find the missing socks?
4. How does Mia feel when she sees the tunnel?
5. What happens the next day?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever lost a sock or something small?
2. Do you believe in silly mysteries like this?
3. Where do you think the socks really go?
4. Would you open a tiny door if you found one?
5. What would *you* do with a tunnel full of socks?