Reading Comprehension: The Missing Key

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On Friday, a small brass key disappeared from the classroom display case. The door had not been forced, and the caretaker said the case had been locked that morning. At lunchtime, Priya noticed a folded note beneath a plant pot. It read, 'Look where the old stories sleep.' She first searched the reading corner, but found only books. Then she spotted an old wooden box on a high shelf, labelled 'Class Memories'. With her teacher beside her, Priya opened the box. Inside lay the brass key and a card explaining that the class would use it to unlock a time capsule during the school anniversary. The teacher smiled: the mystery had been prepared as part of the celebration.

1. Where was the key usually kept?

2. Who said the case had been locked?

3. Where did Priya find the note?

4. What did the note say?

5. Where did Priya search first?

6. What label was on the wooden box?

7. Why did Priya need her teacher nearby?

8. What was the key intended to unlock?

9. Was the key truly stolen? Give evidence.

10. Why did the teacher smile?