

10 Gs Can't Tempt Cabby

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NEW YORK - A tired cab driver was being called a hero today for his **honesty**. He returned \$10,000 in cash that he found in the back of his taxi.

Taxi driver Syed Shah had just pulled into a gas station in New York City at 3 A.M. when he **noticed** a black **purse** on the floor. In the purse, he found \$10,042, some credit cards, and a passport. Shah said, "I tried to find a telephone number or a **beeper** number, but I couldn't find anything." He had just finished a 12-hour work day. "I was tired, so I drove home and went to sleep."

Shah is 33 years old and came to the U.S. from Pakistan six years ago. He is a **devout** Muslim, and he felt that it was **his duty to return** the money. So the next day, he drove to the Central Park police station and gave the money to the police. The police found the **passenger**.

The lucky passenger was a woman from Belgium, Jacqueline Loreau, who was in New York visiting her sister. She said, "I'm very happy today. It was a real surprise. I didn't **have any hope of getting** it back. I know I shouldn't have put everything in that bag. I was going back to my sister's house, but I left it in the taxi." Ms. Loreau called Shah "a good man" and **promised to** give him a **reward**.

When asked why he returned the money, Shah said, "I am a **religious** person. I didn't want a **burden** on my head."

Violin Lost at Station

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NEW YORK - Today a \$100,000 violin was lost in Grand Central Station in New York City.

"I just put the violin down for a moment to make a telephone call," said John Coppola, a violinist with the Boston Symphony. "I know I shouldn't have left it standing there, but I only **turned away** for a moment. Then when I looked again, the violin **was gone**." Mr. Coppola was in New York for a visit with his family.

The police have searched the **area** and interviewed **dozens of** people, but **no one noticed** anyone carrying a violin.

Mr. Coppola has **offered** a big reward to anyone who brings back the violin. "**Perhaps** it was taken **by mistake**. If I get the violin back, I will pay a \$5,000 reward - and no questions asked." Such a beautiful instrument needs to be played by an artist. What will happen to it now? New Yorkers are hoping that someone gives it back because **robberies** like this give the city a bad name.



Fill in this chart comparing the two stories. What are the **similarities**? What are the **differences**?

<u>Question</u>	<u>10 Gs Cabby</u>	<u>Lost Violin</u>
Who lost something?		
What was it?		
Where was it lost?		
How did it happen?		
Was the lost item found?		
Were the police involved?		
Was there a reward?		