

Objective 4: Apply the law to scenarios (A02)

Theft Scenarios

Apply all of the elements of theft when considering whether theft has been committed in the following scenarios:

1. Kim is working late at the office. She realises that she does not have enough money for the bus home so she takes a five-pound note from the office safe. She gets to work early the next morning to return the same amount of money but her boss catches her as she is trying to put the money back.

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- (ii) Appropriate
- (iii) Property
- (iv) Belonging to another
- (v) Dishonestly
- (vi) Intention to permanently deprive
- (vii) Conclusion

2. On his way to school Darren saw a sports bag stuffed under a bush in the park. He saw the bag every day that week. The next week Darren decided to have a look at the bag. He pulled it out from under the bush and brushes away the dirt and the leaves that were in it. Deciding that he did not want the bag, Darren shoved it back under the bush. A few days later Darren's schoolbag split on his way to school. He remembered the bag under the bush and went to get it. He put his belongings in the bag and kept it.

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3. Gladys took her watch to the jewellers to have it repaired. She went back to the shop the next week to collect it. The jeweller asked her for £100 for the repairs. Gladys did not have that amount of money and started to argue with the jeweller. The jeweller went to call the police when Gladys grabbed her watch and ran out of the shop.

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4. Tim was left £100,000 in his aunt's will to make provisions to look after her prize vegetable garden. Tim sold the garden and went to Las Vegas on holiday with the money.

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5. The Beddingham University held an annual debating competition open to all final year students. The final of the competition last year was between Dakota, a law student, and Eden, a politics student.

There was a limited range of literature available in the University library on the subject-matter of the debate, all of which went missing within hours of the debate question being released.

Eden went to the organiser of the competition, Filip, and complained about the loss of the material. Filip approached Dakota about the loss. Dakota did not respond in any way at all. Two days later, the debate was held and Dakota won. Dakota received a prize of £3,000 in cash.

Later that day, Dakota was caught by University security staff replacing the material relating to the debate in the library. When asked, Dakota later admitted he had taken it from the library on the day the question was released, but he had always intended to replace it once he had won, and that most of it was available on the Internet anyway.

