

Description	Students do a dictagloss to review vocabulary from 3 Speaking and 4 Reading
Lesson link	Use this activity after exercise 4
Time	10 minutes
Extra material	One copy of <i>Have you ever lost a credit card or your wallet?</i> for yourself (You could give each student a copy at the end.)

Instructions

- a** Place SS in groups of three. Tell them you will read out a text: *Have you ever lost a credit card or your wallet?* The first time, SS are allowed to write down only seven words that they hear.
- b** Read the text aloud to the class.
- c** Now ask SS to listen again and try to write down as many words as they can. Read quicker this time around.
- d** Now ask SS to work in their group of three and try to reconstruct the text, so it is as close to the real text as possible. One student in each group will need to be the secretary and write down their text.
- e** If SS are having problems, after five minutes read the text one last time for SS to check their answers.
- f** Ask SS to read their paragraphs to the class. Then check their answers against the text below. You could copy the text for each group / student or place it on an overhead transparency for SS to read.

Have you ever lost a credit card or your wallet?

David Thomas, 21

Yes, I have: both! I'm a student in London and I went out last month with some friends to a club. I knew that we were going to spend a lot of money so I took £60 and my credit card.

It was a really good night. I thought I was going to blow it all in the club but in the end I only spent about £20. I got a taxi back home at about 3 a.m. and went to bed.

Next morning, when I woke up, I couldn't find my wallet anywhere. I looked in my pockets, in my coat. I looked in the rubbish bin in case I had thrown it away by mistake. It wasn't anywhere. I had lost my wallet and my credit card! I was so angry because normally I look after my wallet very carefully.

Anyway, I phoned the bank and cancelled my credit card. It took a long time because no one was answering the phone. As soon as I finished, there was another phone call. It was the taxi driver who had taken me home. I had left my wallet in his car and he found my phone number in my wallet. It wasn't lost after all! But I had already cancelled my credit card! So I ended up happy and frustrated at the same time.