

Wedding Ring Reunited with Owner After Being Lost at the Beach

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. metal detectorist /'meɪ.təl dɪ.tek.tə-ist/ (noun) A person who uses a metal detector.
metal detector noun a machine that you move over the ground or a surface to discover if there is metal there
Example: They hired a metal detectorist to look for their missing jewelry.
2. groom /groom,groom/ (noun) husband-to-be
Example: The groom is waiting at the altar.
3. newlywed /'nu.li,wed/ (noun) someone who has recently married
Example: The newlyweds are scheduled to go on their honeymoon to Hawaii by the end of the month.
4. porter /'pɔrdər/ (noun) a person employed to carry luggage and other loads, especially in a railroad station, airport, or hotel.
Example: I gave the porter a tip for carrying our luggages.
5. re-uniting /,rēyoo'nīt/ (verb) come together or cause to come together again after a period of separation or disunity.
Example: The three friends reunited in 2019.



A **metal detectorist** who found a newlywed's wedding ring on a beach surprised them, by sending a picture of it being held by a LEGO man. 44-year-old **groom** Richard Whetter and his bride Anne arrived on the island of Jersey for their honeymoon last month. But Richard lost his wedding ring during a romantic stroll in Portelet Bay two days later.

He says he took off his ring to go swimming, and put it in his shoe. Unfortunately, as a **newlywed** he wasn't used to owning such an item—and forgot to put it back on. It was only when he got back to the car that he realized it was missing. The couple traveled back to their

hotel and told a **porter** who immediately contacted local metal detectorist Steve Andrews. Still, they thought the ring had been lost forever.

For Steve, it took only ten minutes to find the lost item. He never charges for his work. "The thing I enjoy most about detecting is **reuniting** people with their items," he says. "I was delighted to find the ring; it was one of the quickest I've ever completed."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you like wearing accessories on the beach? Like sunglasses, earrings, bracelets, et cetera? Where do you put them when you're about to go for a swim?
2. Have you ever found something that's valuable? What did you do?
3. Have you ever lost anything that's valuable? What happened?
4. What are some losses that can be compensated?
5. What's the very first thing that you do when you lose something?
6. Do you know anyone who has lost luggage?