

# Body Investigators: The Case File: The Stolen Time

(Year 5 - Ages 10-11):

## Lesson 7 of 9

### Teacher Preparation

#### Introduction for Teachers

This lesson is a critical turning point in the unit. It adapts the senior curriculum's use of real-life stories into a safe, positive, and age-appropriate investigation for Year 5 students. The goal is to bridge the gap between all the scientific metaphors we've built ("Hero's Echo," "Activation Code," "Hero's Treasury") and the real, human impact of the gift.

By framing the donation story as "The Case File: The Stolen Time," students focus on a recipient's lost freedom (the "stolen" time/activity) and the joyful moment it is restored. Critically, this lesson uses a tissue donation story (e.g., cornea or bone transplant) to reinforce the expanded learning from Lesson 6, showing that donation is about both saving lives and profoundly transforming them.

### Safety and Sensitivity Considerations

- 1. Use the Prepared Story Only: This is the most important rule. You must use the safe, positive, age-appropriate, fictionalized story that focuses intensely on the "before" (frustration/missing out) and the "after" (joy/recovered activity). The complex case studies from the senior curriculum are strictly unsuitable.
- 2. Focus 100% on the Positive Outcome: The emotional core of this lesson is gratitude and joy. The entire focus must be on the recipient's new-found health, the activities they can now participate in, and the time they **received**.
- 3. Use Metaphors for the Donor: The story must not include details about the donor, their family, or how they passed away. Refer to them only with our established, safe, and heroic language: "It was all possible thanks to a Helping Hero family who made the brave Hero's Pledge."
- 4. Acknowledge Student Feelings: Be mindful that this is the first "real" story and students may have experiences with illness or loss. Acknowledge any shared personal stories with empathy, validate their feelings, and gently guide the focus back to the kindness and positive outcome of the lesson's story.

### Teacher Resources

- A large, decorated prop "Hero's Treasury" (a lockable chest or box).
- Resource: "Case File: The Stolen Time" (The simple, 1-page, teacher-read story about a recipient who regained an activity due to a tissue donation).
- Student Worksheet: "The Case File Log" (Template with sections for: Problem, Solution, Outcome/Joy).
- Magnifying Glass prop (optional hook).
- Markers and coloured pencils.



## Key Concepts & Language for Teachers

- The "Case File" Metaphor: Frame the entire lesson as an important, respectful act of investigation, focused on solving a human problem.
  - Say: "Investigators, today we have a new mission. We are opening a file on a person who lost their most precious treasure: Time. Not minutes or hours, but the freedom to do what they love most. Our job is to investigate how the Hero's Pledge solved their problem."
- Defining "The Stolen Time" (The Problem): Use empathetic, non-clinical language to describe the recipient's life before the gift.
  - Say: "Before the heroic gift, this person had their time 'stolen' by illness. They couldn't play their sport, or draw clearly, or dance without pain. This file investigates what was missing from their life."
- Connecting to the Solution (The Hero's Gift): Link directly back to previous lessons.
  - Say: "The Hero's Treasury (Lesson 6) contained the perfect Repair Kit (a tissue) or a Jewel of Life (an organ). This gift was the Activation Code (Lesson 5) that unlocked their future."
- The Outcome (The "Echo" of Joy): The focus must be 100% on the positive, new beginning for the recipient.
  - Say: "The outcome is joy! The stolen time was given back. Their 'Case File' ends with them happy, active, and full of life, all thanks to the incredible altruism of a heroic family. This is the Hero's Echo we talked about."

## Magical Body Facts for Year 5 (Ages 10-11)

- These facts can be used during the lesson to introduce the specific "Treasures" as you explore the Treasury.
- The Power of the Cornea (Repair Kit): The Cornea, the clear 'window' at the front of your eye, has no blood vessels! It gets its oxygen directly from the air. That's one reason why cornea transplants are often very successful and can restore sight.
- The Liver's Amazing Trick (Jewel of Life): The Liver can perform over 500 different jobs—from cleaning your blood to helping you digest food. It is also the only organ that can grow back or regenerate itself, even after a large part is removed.
- Bone is a Factory (Repair Kit): Your bones are not just hard scaffolding! The marrow inside your large bones is a living factory that produces over 2 million new red blood cells every second! Donated bone can help repair joints and give mobility back to people.
- The Kidney's Secret Job (Jewel of Life): Your kidneys filter an astonishing 180 liters of blood every single day—that's enough to fill a large bathtub! They are the body's ultimate recycling and cleaning crew.

