

Puzzle 1: The Missing Dollar Riddle (Cash Flow Confusion)

Three friends check into a hotel room that costs **\$30**. They each contribute **\$10**, totaling **\$30**. Later, the hotel realizes the room price was only **\$25**, so the manager gives **\$5** to the bellboy to return.

The bellboy, however, keeps **\$2** and returns **\$1** to each friend.

Now, each friend has paid **\$9** (totaling **\$27**) and the bellboy kept **\$2**, making **\$29**.

Where is the missing dollar?