

Dear Chelo,

Your task scenario is an excellent example of situations that all tourists fear - and therefore it will appeal to students. I personally with dread remember a situation in Venice where a pickpocket lifted the family "fortune" and left us with the task of informing police, calling home (with no money!) to stop credit cards, etc.

I would like to know which type of pre-task exercises you have in mind, because the scenario in my opinion would even be strengthened with vocabulary training exercises where the students have sequences of pictures of personal belongings ( like the ones you can see here: <http://www.languages.dk/methods/call/spgloser1.htm> ) . After the drag and drop exercises I think a crossword exercise would come in nicely (perhaps like this one: <http://www.languages.dk/methods/call/spkryds1.htm> ) Both exercise types can be made as paper versions from the software "Hot Potatoes" so even if there is no access to computers in a lesson they may enrich that lesson☺

One of the task exercises could even be that the students themselves prepare a list of personal belongings and write short descriptions like umbrella: a device to place over your head when it's raining. Then you or perhaps your students (I have tried both solutions) enter the words in Hot Potatoes and create the exercise.

I'd like to help you put together the exercises in case you do not know Hot Potatoes well.

I look forward to read what you think of my proposal.

AND I hope the other participants will also put in a short comment to your idea!-)

Best regards