

# Lost Spanish lotto ticket handed in to clear conscience

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1. **lottery** competition with numbers randomly chosen and a money prize for those who previously chose those numbers
2. **discovery** of ... finding of ...
3. **prompted...** [started/resulted in] ...
4. a **clear** conscience a guilt free feeling
5. **authorities** government
6. **test the claims** of... see if what ... says is true
7. **empathise** feel empathy/sympathy
8. **put myself in his shoes** imagine that I am in his position/situation
9. **identify** find out (and show) who someone or what something is
10. **phase** [period of time/stage]
11. **made public** shown to the public
12. what **will be will be** what happens was meant to happen
13. **will** desire/motivation
14. **lost-and-found** section area containing objects that were lost and found, so that the owners can come to collect them

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1. A man who found a multi million-euro winning **lottery ticket** in La Coruna, Spain said he would not have been able to sleep if he had claimed the prize.
2. Manuel Reija Gonzalez's **discovery** of the 4.7m-euro (£4m; \$6.3m) ticket has **prompted** a search for the real winner.
3. "I never for a moment thought about keeping it because I wanted to be able to sleep well at night with **a clear conscience**," he told the BBC. If the ticket's owner cannot be found, the money will go to Mr Reija Gonzalez.
4. **Authorities** are not revealing exactly when or where in the north-western Spanish city the ticket for the 30 June 2012 draw was bought, so they can **test the claims of** people coming forward.
5. Reija Gonzalez, whose brother, father and grandfather worked for the Spanish lottery, according to local media, said he **empathised** with the person who lost it. "Because here was somebody who had a problem forgetting his ticket and I **put myself in his shoes**, and it's the sort of thing I could have done. I thought the best thing to do was just to return the ticket," he told the BBC World Service programme Newsday.
6. He said he would be happy if the real winner was **identified** during the search, which could last up to two years. "We're still in a **phase** where it's all just been **made public** in La Coruna so really **what will be will be** and I can't really tell you how I feel," he added. "Here we have a phrase: it's God's **will**."
7. The ticket has now been advertised on the **lost-and-found section** of the city website - usually dominated by notices about mobile phones, keys and wallets.

Q1: What would you have done if you were in Reija Gonzalez's shoes: would you have kept the ticket and got the money or would you have handed in the ticket?

Q2: What would you do if that were your lottery ticket? What would you say to Mr Gonzalez?

Q3: Do you think most people would be happier if they kept the money or if they handed the ticket in to the police/authorities?

Q4: Can you recall a time when you or someone else should have done the right thing but did not? What happened?

Q5: Can you recall a time when you did the right thing and kept a clean conscience? What happened and how did you feel?

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