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美国一位男子与他被盗的跑车重新团聚。Bob Russell 最后一次见到他的车是近 42 年前, 盗贼趁他外 出时从他位于费城的家里偷走了这辆跑车。他是怎样找回心爱的车?请听 BBC 记者 Janet Barrie 发回 的报道:

Bob Russell says he never gave up the search for his beloved 1967 Austin-Healey. One day in 1970, when he was a student in Philadelphia, he came home after a night out with the woman who's now his wife, and realised his car had vanished. Nearly 42 years later Mr Russell was browsing the online marketplace eBay when he spotted something familiar.

All these years he'd kept the car's papers and keys. He searched them out, and saw the vehicle **registration number** on the website matched the one on the title certificate of his **long-lost** sports car. He told the police, who tracked the car down to a **dealership** in Los Angeles, and confirmed it was indeed Bob Russell's Austin-Healey.

Mr Russell said he paid \$3,000 for it in 1967 - and it's now worth eight times that much. He says though it wasn't the money that made him to search for it for over four decades - what mattered was the **sentimental** value it held for him and his wife.

Questions

- 1. What is the word mentioned in the report that means disappeared?
- 2. Where did Bob Russell see his car advertised?
- 3. How did he identify that the advertised car was the one that he'd lost?
- 4. Most cars depreciate in value as they get old, does this apply to Bob Russell's sports car?

Glossary 词汇

gave up the search	放弃搜寻
beloved	心爱的
vanished	消失了
browsing	浏览
online marketplace	网上购物市场
registration number	车牌号
long-lost	遗失多年的
dealership	经销商
sentimental	有感情的

Answers to the questions

1. What is the word mentioned in the report that means disappeared?

Answer: vanished.

2. Where did Bob Russell see his car being advertised?

Answer: He saw it on Ebay which is an online auction website.

3. How did he identify that the advertised car was the one that he'd lost?

Answer: He kept all the paperwork and the car registration number matched the one being sold on the website.

4. Most cars depreciate in value, does this apply to Bob Russell's sports car?

Answer: No, Bob Russell's Austin-Healey increased in value as it's now a desirable vintage car.