

Locker Room Check

TIME MANAGEMENT · HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

Jace stacks the last plastic laundry basket beside the locker room drain while the clean-up rota still has an empty check column. The benches are clear, the floor mats are rolled, and the mesh ball bag is back on its wall hook. The coach said the room could be locked after the finished work was checked once by the closing student. The tasks look finished, but no one has checked whether anything was missed behind the lower lockers. Jace can use the open locker room for 30 more minutes before the custodian closes the hallway gates. He needs to decide whether a full check fits, or whether the coach should hear that one part will remain unchecked.

> **Decide whether all checks fit in the time available after adding the minutes.**

TASK	MINUTES
Check under benches and along the lower locker row for towels, tape, or gear.	9
Walk the shower entry and floor drain area for bottles, puddles, or loose items.	8
Count returned pinnies and place extras in the equipment crate.	7
Check ball bag hooks and rolling racks so the aisle is clear.	6
Show the coach which areas were checked and report anything left.	4

Time available: 30 minutes

> **Answer:** 34 minutes — they do not fit

Think about it: What would change if the locker room were locked without a check after the rota work was finished?

TEACHER NOTE

The correct total is 34 minutes, so the full check does not fit in 30 minutes. A strong response states that Jace should report the gap instead of treating the room as fully checked. Accept responses that also identify which shorter checks could be completed first if only part of the list can be done.

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