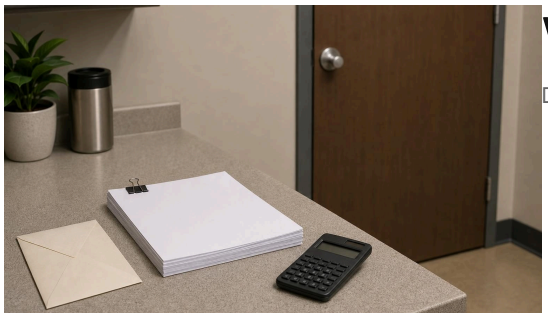


# Wrong Pay Stub

DECISION MAKING · WHICH WOULD YOU PICK

Wesley slides his paycheck stub from a sealed envelope and spots one training hour missing from the earnings section. The hourly rate matches, and the direct deposit amount is close enough that the mistake could be overlooked. A binder clip holds the payroll folder on the break room counter beside blank punch-correction slips. Wesley signed the pickup sheet first, although the posted routine says to check the stub before signing. The shift lead is opening the register, so a short question now would interrupt another starting task. The time clock printout for the pay period is kept in a plastic sleeve near the office door.

**Choose one option for Wesley and give one practical reason.**

- [ ] Ask for a punch-correction slip now, attach the stub, and explain that the pickup sheet was signed before the stub was checked.
- [ ] Compare the stub with the time clock printout first, then ask the shift lead for the correction slip with the exact date and hour ready.

Give one practical reason for that choice.

**Responses will vary.** Accept any answer the student can give a practical reason for.

Think about it: What information makes a paycheck question easier for an office or manager to check?

TEACHER NOTE

Responses will vary. A strong answer explains whether Wesley should preserve the record first or gather proof first. Accept either option if the reason connects to fixing the out-of-order step and making the payroll question easier to verify.

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