

to miss vs to lack

1) **To miss/ to be missing something= to notice that you don't have something any more.**

- I would take the engine apart, but I am missing a screwdriver. I must have lost it.
- She only missed the purse when she got home.

2) **To miss something : not to have something that you need.**

- I would take the engine apart, but I am missing the right tools - I must buy them.
- Do you feel that there is something missing in your life and you don't know what it is?



To lack : (formal style) = to be short of ...; Not to have any or enough of something you need or want.

- She lacks confidence in herself and needs others to encourage her.
- The problem lies in the fact that we are lacking military force.
- We are lacking three members of staff due to illness.
- She's totally lacking a sense of humour.