Question 1313) - What is Wadi'ah linguistically and in Shari'ah?

A: It is derived from wad', meaning to leave behind. In shari,ah it means to leave an item behind by a person who is capable of protecting goods, whilst the item remains under the ownership of the owner.*

* The difference between Wadi'ah and Amanah is that the aim of Wadi.ah is protection of the item, whilst Amanah is something which has unintentionally fallen into someone's control, like if the wind blew a cloth into someone?s lap. [al-Jawharah]

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