

I Couldn't Believe It ...

Complete the first two components, Pre-Reading Zone In and Pre-Reading Predicting, before reading the complete text. Then undertake the remaining components, from During Reading My Connection. Each component will open the relevant pages of text, if applicable, but you can go back to any part of the text at any time.

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The first three questions are literal questions, so the correct statement can be found in the text. The next two are interpretative or inferential questions, meaning that students need to interpret or infer from the text to find the correct statement. The final question is an applied or evaluative question, so students need to apply or evaluate the information from the text to choose an answer, and there may be no “correct” answer.

Here are the answers for the assessment task.

Literal

1. b The teacher was in a queue at the newsagent.
2. a The woman was staring intently at the teacher.
3. d The markers cost \$53.99.

Interpretative or inferential

1. d The shop assistant was amused at the woman's trick.
2. a The teacher fell for the woman's trick.

Applied or evaluative

- c The author is just having a joke on the readers.

As an additional assessment task, ask each student to read the following text out loud. Then mark any errors and work out the percentage of accuracy to see how well each student can read aloud.

This text is 158 words. To convert to a percentage of accuracy, divide the number of words pronounced correctly by 158 and multiply by 100.

Thanks goodness that was over and that weird lady was gone.

It was my turn in the queue, so I placed the markers on the counter to be scanned. The shop assistant scanned the goods and said, “That will be \$53.99, thanks.”

“What?” I blurted. “How much are the markers? They’re usually about \$4.00 each.”

The shop assistant chuckled, “Oh your mum said that you would pay for hers too.”

I couldn’t believe it! It took me a few seconds to process what had happened.

“I’ll be right back,” I stammered and rushed out of the shop chasing after the well-groomed lady in her sixties. I spotted her just up the street a little way, so in my high heels I took off after her. She looked back over her shoulder, saw me and quickened her pace. I caught up to her and grabbed her leg and pulled it — just like I am pulling yours with this story.