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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. c Suddenly, screaming and shouting came from the footpath outside the café.
2. a Brutus is handsome, intelligent, funny and excellent company.
3. c The main character went to the café for breakfast.

Interpretative or inferential

1. a The café owner liked Brutus.
2. b The events of this story are not credible.

Applied or evaluative

Answers will vary.

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 129 words. To convert to a percentage of accuracy, divide the number of words pronounced correctly by 129 and multiply by 100.

Suddenly there was screaming and shouting and the sound of two dogs fighting — it took me a few moments to realise what was going on. I was about to charge out of the café to the footpath to see what was going on when a woman came into the café screaming hysterically. It was like a movie scene progressing in slow motion.

“The dog is dead! The dog is dead!” she screamed hysterically over and over.

I leapt out of my chair, shaking like a leaf, with a sickening feeling that my dog had lived up to his breed’s reputation and had killed this woman’s small pekinese puppy.

“Oh my God, oh my God, I am so sorry,” I stammered incredulously. “Brutus has never, ever harmed another dog, ever ...”