

At the fortune-teller's

1. Read the sketch.
2. Form groups of three students and decide who is who:
 - the fortune-teller¹ **Zelda Zoudini**
 - the sceptical teenage girl **Roberta**
 - the enthusiastic teenage girl **Donna**
3. Act out the sketch.
4. Swap roles.



Donna takes her friend Roberta to a fortune-teller – the Great Zelda Zoudini. They enter Zelda's tent. Zelda is looking into a crystal ball.

Roberta: (to *Donna*) This is a waste of time², *Donna*. Look at her with her flashy crystal ball. It's ridiculous.

Donna: Give her a chance. She's the greatest fortune-teller ever. You remember how I won that pie eating contest³ last month?

Roberta: Yeah ...?

Donna: *Zelda* told me before that I would win. She only looked at me and knew that I would blow away⁴ the other contestants. That's impressive, right?

Roberta: Well, actually no. I mean, you really look like you love food.

Zelda: (without looking up from her crystal ball) *Roberta*, I've waited for you. I've got important news for you.

Roberta: Oh, really? What is that? Let me guess: Will I waste precious lifetime in a strange tent today?

Donna: (to *Roberta*) Can you be polite, please?

Zelda: It's alright, dear. She doesn't mean it like that.

Roberta: I absolutely mean it like that. This is complete nonsense. This crystal ball and your funny tent – does anyone believe this rubbish?

Zelda: Sit down, *Roberta*.

Roberta: OK. But I only give you five minutes. (*sits down*)

Zelda: (looks at her crystal ball) You have a tough life, *Roberta*. You are a brave girl. School, your family – that must be exhausting⁵.

Donna: (whispers) See? She's amazing.

Roberta: Please. All teenagers find their families and school exhausting. And all people love to hear that they're brave. Four minutes left.

Zelda: I see more, *Roberta*. An old man. He has got a beard. He will come soon ...

Roberta: Oh yeah, right. I guess, you mean Santa Claus. It's December and I've been such a good girl. Ask him what presents I'll get. Can I get a new phone?

Zelda: No, it's not Santa Claus. He's a member of your family.

1 fortune-teller = Wahrsager/in

2 waste of time = Zeitverschwendung

3 pie eating contest = Kuchenwettessen

4 to blow sb. away = jd. fertig machen

5 exhausting = anstrengend

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Donna: Who can that be? Doesn't your entire family live around here?

Roberta: Wait. Actually, no. My grandfather doesn't. He lives in Italy.

Zelda: Italy ... yes, I can clearly see a pizza and a boot-shaped country in my crystal ball.

Donna: Wow. That's so cool. What kind of pizza is it? Salami? With a lot of cheese?

Roberta: Donna, that doesn't matter. So, my grandfather will really come and visit us? I haven't talked to him in years. That would be so cool.

Zelda: Yes, he will. And there's more. I can see a boy. He is very handsome. He likes you, Roberta, but he is too shy to talk to you.

Donna: I bet she means Jeremy. This boy we meet in the cafeteria every day. He always orders pasta with tomato sauce. Except for Thursdays: On Thursdays he has a cheeseburger.

Roberta: Does he have brown, curly hair and green eyes?

Zelda: Yes, he does. His green eyes are absolutely stunning⁶. He thinks about you a lot, Roberta.

Roberta: Come on. He never looks at me. He doesn't even know that I exist.

Zelda: Oh, he does. Believe me. He'll talk to you soon.

Roberta's mobile beeps. She looks at it and starts smiling.

Roberta: Wow. You are good. A person called CurlyJerry wants to follow me on TikTok. On his profile picture there is ... it looks like an angry cat.

Zelda: I'm pleased to hear that. So, of course my service is not for free. That will be £6 please.

Donna: Hold on. Did you say CurlyJerry?

Roberta: Yes.

Donna: Sorry, but that's my cousin. His name is Jerome and he loves Curly Wurlies. The chocolate bar, you know. It's his cat Cindy Crawford in the picture.

Roberta: Oh, Jerome. Yes, I know him.

Zelda: Listen, girls. My next customers are waiting outside the tent. Can you please pay me and leave?

Roberta: I'm not paying you anything for telling me stupid lies.

Roberta's mobile rings. She answers it.

Roberta: Hello? (Pause) Oh ... buon giorno!

⁶ stunning = umwerfend, toll



General information

1. Form groups of three students and decide who is who:
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2. Read your role cards. Ask your group members or your teacher if you have trouble understanding your role description.
3. Act out the sketch.



1 fortune-teller = Wahrsager/in



Your role: Zelda Zoudini

Read the card and act out your role.

Who is in the sketch? Zelda, Roberta and her friend Donna

Where is it? In the fortune-teller's tent

What happens?

- You sit in your tent and look into your crystal ball.
- Two girls, Donna and Roberta, enter and you ask Roberta to sit down. You know her name because you saw her coming – with the help of your crystal ball.
- You ignore Roberta's rude behaviour and start reading her fortune.
- You look into your crystal ball and tell her that an old man will come.
- When she asks if that is her grandfather from Italy, you confirm¹ that because you have seen an Italian flag and a pizza in your crystal ball.
- You tell her furthermore that you see a handsome boy, who is too shy to talk to her but likes her very much.
- When she asks if that could be a boy called Jeremy, you say yes.
- After the prediction² about Jeremy, you tell the girls to pay you £6 and ask them to leave.



1 to confirm = bestätigen

2 prediction = Prophezeiung, Vorhersage

Tasks: At the fortune-teller's

1. Zelda and Zafira

Right after Donna and Roberta have left, Zelda calls her sister Zafira and tells her about the fortune-telling session with the girls.

Write down the dialogue between Zelda and Zafira. Write at least ten sentences.

You can start like this:

Zafira: Hello?

Zelda: Hey sis, it's Zelda.

Zafira: Hey little sister! How are you?

Zelda: I'm good. Today I had two interesting customers.

Zafira: ...



2. Take a look at the characters.

Write down at least four things about Donna and Roberta.

Donna	Roberta
<i>has got a cousin called Jerome</i>	