

## At the fortune-teller's

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1. Read the sketch.
2. Form groups of three students and decide who is who:
  - the fortune-teller<sup>1</sup> **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 time<sup>2</sup>, 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 contest<sup>3</sup> last month?
- Roberta:** Yeah ...?
- Donna:** Zelda told me before that I would win. She only looked at me and knew that I would blow away<sup>4</sup> 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 exhausting<sup>5</sup>.
- 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.

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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 = erschöpfend

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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 stunning<sup>6</sup>. 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 Clawford 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!

## Role cards: At the fortune-teller's



### Your role: Roberta

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?**

- Your friend Donna has convinced<sup>1</sup> you to go to a fortune-teller.
- Zelda sees a man in her crystal ball. She tells you that it's a member of your family. You grandfather who has lived in Italy for a long time comes into your mind. You haven't talked to him in years and are quite surprised now.
- When she tells you that a handsome boy likes you and Donna guesses that it is Jeremy from school, you are sceptical because Jeremy never looks at you.
- At this moment your phone beeps and a person called CurlyJerry wants to follow you on TikTok. You are excited.
- When Donna tells you that this is not the good-looking Jeremy from school but her crazy cousin Jerome, you are angry with Zelda.
- You don't want to pay Zelda.
- Your phone rings: It's your grandfather from Italy.



1 to convince sb. to do sth. = jdn. dazu bringen, etwas zu tun



### Your role: Donna

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 take your friend Roberta to the fortune-teller.
- You are convinced<sup>1</sup> that Zelda is good because she had predicted<sup>2</sup> that you would win a pie eating contest<sup>3</sup>.
- When Roberta is acting rude towards the fortune-teller, you ask her to be nice.
- Zelda talks about a pizza in her crystal ball. You want to know what kind of pizza she is talking about.
- Zelda sees a boy who likes Roberta in her crystal ball. You guess that this is Jeremy from school.
- When a person called CurlyJerry wants to follow Roberta on TikTok, she thinks that it's Jeremy from school. But you have to correct her: CurlyJerry is your crazy cousin Jerome.



1 to be convinced = überzeugt sein

2 to predict = prophezeien, voraussagen

3 pie eating contest = Kuchenwettessen