

A Penny for your Thoughts

Glossary

Word	Definition
crumpets	thick, flat, savoury cakes with a soft texture, eaten toasted and buttered.
dew	droplets of water that appear due to condensation
sepia	yellowy brown colour associated with old photos

Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
shabby	a bit run down or worn down, tatty
bespectacled	wearing glasses

1 Where is Penny at the start of this scene?

In Luigi's café.

2 What is she eating and drinking?

She is eating biscotti and drinking cappuccino.

3 Are the following statements true or false?

	True	False
The scene takes place in a Spanish café.		X
"Ciao" means "Good morning"		X
It is raining very heavily outside.	X	
Penny is there after a long day at work.		X

4 Why is the young couple beaming with happiness?

They have just become engaged to be married.

5 What impressions do you get about Penny's character from the text?

Give two impressions using evidence from the text to support your answer.

THIS IS ONE EXAMPLE – THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHERS WHICH ARE ALSO CORRECT.

Impression	Evidence
Penny is empathetic.	She smiled when the couple who had just got engaged came in and stopped smiling when she thought how lonely the businessman must be.
_____	_____ _____ _____

6 Who do you think the old man was? How do you know?

I think the old man is Luigi. The text describes him as "the owner" and he welcomes people when they come into the café. It also says that "Luigi's door was always open and his guests were always welcome."

7 What do the sepia photographs make people feel?

The photographs make people feel that they are in Italy. The text says that they "helped customers travel to a far away land without the need of a passport".

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In which order do the customers come into the café? Number them from 1 to 4.

The large man	3
The young couple	2
Penny	1
The handsome young man	4

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What effect does the large man have on Penny's feelings and emotions?

How do you know?

The large man makes Penny feel sad, when she was feeling happy before. The text says that Penny had been smiling looking at the young engaged couple, but when the large man came in "her smile faded like the morning dew". This is because she was thinking how lonely the large man must be, since he ignored the café owner and started talking business on his phone.

Extension activity

TO MARK YOUR EXTENSION, READ YOUR ANSWERS TO SOMEONE AT HOME AND CHECK THAT THEY MAKE SENSE.

Luigi hugs the handsome young man because _____

Luigi's café might seem old-fashioned and desolate but _____

Penny felt happy when she left the café so _____
