

**PART 1**
READING ALOUD

In this passage, a boy realises he has made a mistake.

Jason could not understand what was going on. His class were spending the morning working on a project called 'Check Your Own Health'. Before the mid-morning break they had been testing their pulses and heartbeat rates. Some of Jason's friends had also had their blood pressure measured. Others had been sent to run round the school building, so that the class could check on differences that occurred after taking exercise. Jason had also been blowing into a machine that tested the power of his lungs.

Now the teacher, Mrs Lim, handed every student a digital thermometer. They were all to stand at their desks, take a deep breath, and then measure their own temperatures with the thermometers. Everything seemed normal enough, but now Jason got a big surprise.

"Please, Mrs Lim," he said, "this says my temperature is 42 degrees."

"It can't be," answered Mrs Lim. "Maybe you haven't kept it in your mouth for long enough to get a good reading. Try again."

Jason tried again. "It still says 41," he said, beginning to look worried.

Mrs Lim, who knew Jason well, came over to check. "Well, Jason," she said, "either there is something very wrong with that thermometer, or something very wrong with you."

Jason's friends were unsure whether to worry about him or laugh. Then Mrs Lim had another thought. "Jason," she asked, "you didn't by any chance just have a hot drink at break, did you?"



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