



Spotlight 8

Reading Task 8307

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

A True Magician

While most magicians who do money tricks make coins or bills vanish, Stuart Edge does the opposite. He 'magically' transforms \$1 USD bills into \$100 USD. The icing on the cake? The lucky participants keep the money, which does not change back to its original value! It all begins with Edge showing both a \$1 USD bill and a \$100 USD bill to the person he is playing the trick on. He then places the folded bills inside the person's hand and asks him or her to make a fist. Edge then 'magically' proceeds to pull out the \$100 USD bill from the fist, while leaving the dollar bill intact.

Then begins the cool part. Edge explains to the person that the \$1 USD and \$100 USD bills can be switched if he/she really wishes it to. To seal the deal, the magician and the other party bump fists. Then, they both uncurl their fingers and voila! Edge is holding the dollar bill, while his counterpart has the \$100 USD!

Like all magic tricks this one too is an illusion - the \$100 USD bills are real - part of the \$1,000 USD that Edge withdrew from his personal savings account to help people in need. Edge has remained tight-lipped about how the trick works, simply saying "it's magic."

In order to make sure that the people who participated really needed the money, Edge spent six hours in his neighbourhood streets to look for people that needed it the most. Among them was a single mother struggling to pay rent, a talented guitar player facing some hard times and, an elderly couple that had lost their home.

Edge asked the person who had just participated in the trick to give back in the future when he or she was able to. Besides being a skillful magician, Edge is also a YouTube star. The video depicting his money trick has gathered almost two million views since it was uploaded a few weeks ago. Edge hopes that other people will also follow his example and be generous to people in need.

- A. Money tricks are very popular with people.
- B. Stuart Edge plays tricks to cheat people.
- C. Stuart Edge is a caring person who likes helping people.
- D. Nobody can repeat Stuart Edge's trick.
- E. Stuart Edge chooses only young people for his tricks.
- F. The participants of the trick keep their one-dollar banknotes.
- G. Stuart Edge hands out his own money to poor people.
- H. Stuart Edge performs the trick to become famous via YouTube.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

