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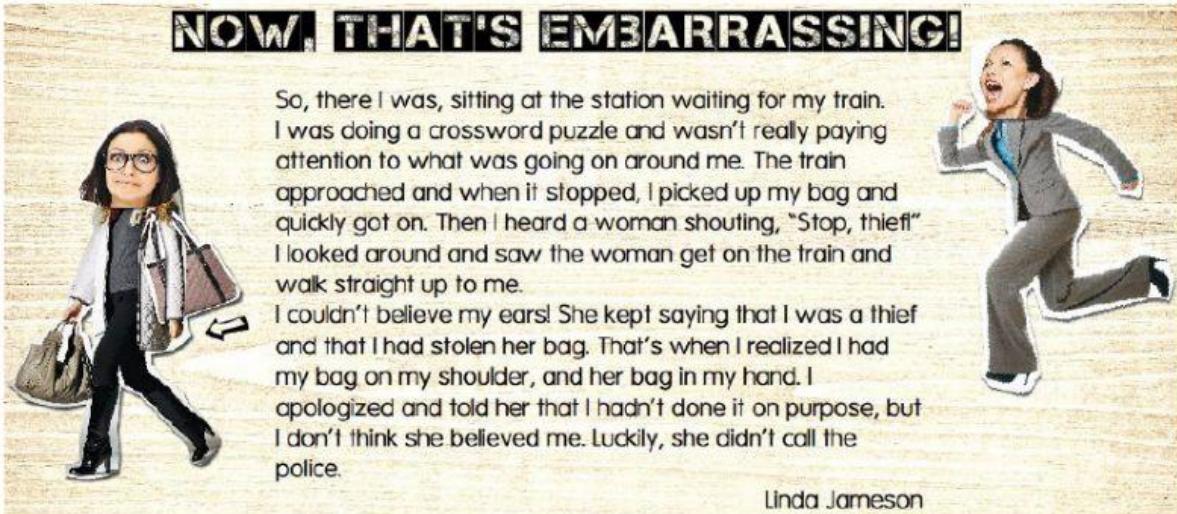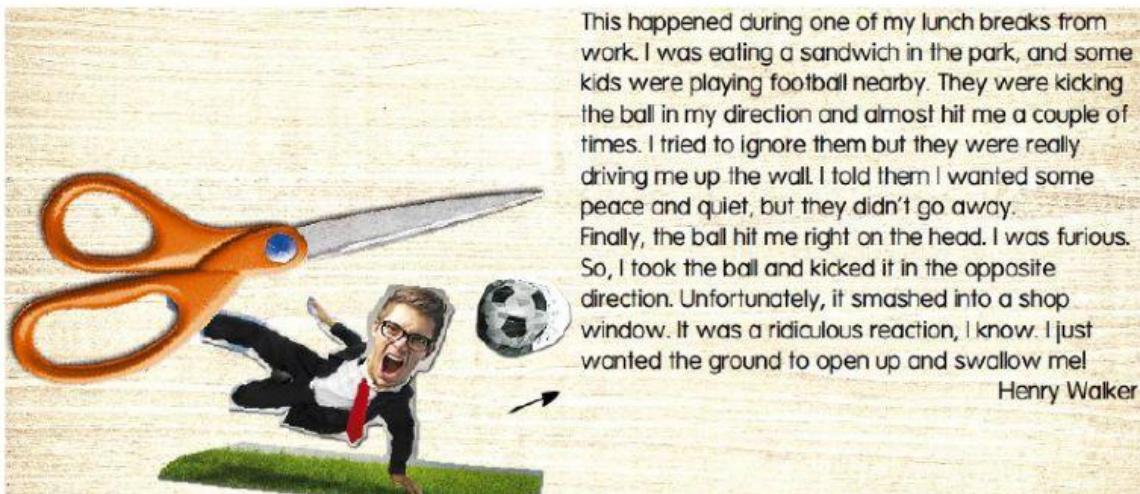
NOW, THAT'S EMBARRASSING!

So, there I was, sitting at the station waiting for my train. I was doing a crossword puzzle and wasn't really paying attention to what was going on around me. The train approached and when it stopped, I picked up my bag and quickly got on. Then I heard a woman shouting, "Stop, thief!" I looked around and saw the woman get on the train and walk straight up to me.

I couldn't believe my ears! She kept saying that I was a thief and that I had stolen her bag. That's when I realized I had my bag on my shoulder, and her bag in my hand. I apologized and told her that I hadn't done it on purpose, but I don't think she believed me. Luckily, she didn't call the police.

Linda Jameson

I was sitting on the bus the other day, and I hadn't noticed an old lady standing near me. Someone eventually gave up their seat and as she sat, she looked at me angrily. I felt really bad. A little later, a large lady got on the bus. She was carrying lots of shopping bags and I wanted to do something to help her. I offered her my seat and told her she shouldn't carry heavy bags in her condition. "What do you mean?" she asked. I told her it wasn't good for the baby. "What baby? You think I'm pregnant?" she replied and refused to sit in my seat. When I realized my mistake, I went as red as a beetroot.

Amy Winters

This happened during one of my lunch breaks from work. I was eating a sandwich in the park, and some kids were playing football nearby. They were kicking the ball in my direction and almost hit me a couple of times. I tried to ignore them but they were really driving me up the wall. I told them I wanted some peace and quiet, but they didn't go away. Finally, the ball hit me right on the head. I was furious. So, I took the ball and kicked it in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, it smashed into a shop window. It was a ridiculous reaction, I know. I just wanted the ground to open up and swallow me!

Henry Walker

Read the texts again and write L for Linda, A for Amy or H for Henry for the statements below.

1. I reacted without thinking.

2. I misunderstood a situation.

3. Someone said I had done something I hadn't.

4. I did something by accident.

5. I was angry with what had happened to me.

6. I was just trying to help someone out, but it didn't work out.