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Guided Reading Comprehension – Copper Band 12 – There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Whole Text: This text is a playscript. Write down 5 ways that it differs to a normal story text.

Whole Text: Tick true or false for each of the 6 sentences below.

	True	False
Playscripts have a list of characters at the start.		
Playscripts feature detailed description of places or events.		
Actors are people who read a lot of playscripts.		
Playscripts are written to be read alone.		
Playscripts feature “speech marks” to show when a characters is speaking.		
This playscript cannot be performed on your own.		

Pages 3 - 10: Which pairs of rhyming words can be found on these pages? Show your ideas by writing the pairs in the boxes below. One has been done for you.

my	+	fly
	+	
	+	
	+	

Page 4: Use a dictionary to locate the meaning of the word 'absurd'. Copy out the meaning below.

Page 8: Some playscripts have stage directions. Stage directions are words written in brackets that tell the actors how to move, or the sort of voice they should use when speaking their words. Write stage directions for this part of the story below:

Old Lady: Whoops!

Page 13: On this page, the author recommends that you rehearse this play. What does this mean?

Page 14: The author gives some ideas for sound effects that could be included during the performance of the play.

Other than those sound effects listed, what other effects could you include? Write your ideas in the table below. One has been done for you.

Page Number	When it should happen	Sound effect
3	After Reader 1 speaks	The sound of an audience gasping in shock