

“Reading Series 2 - Older People and Trust” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

The phrase “pick up” in this context is closest in meaning to..

- A. continue.
- B. collect.
- C. improve.
- D. perceive.

**Reading Text - Older People and Trust:**

The anterior insula in the brain is activated when young adults look at pictures of untrustworthy faces, but fails to respond when older adults see the same pictures. This might explain why elderly people in the US lose \$2.9 billion per year in financial scams and swindles. When looking at untrustworthy faces, older people err by consistently failing to spot the warning signs that stand out to younger people. Researchers say there are many factors that younger brains **pick up** subconsciously when looking at a face that warns that the person may be a fraudster.

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**SOME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT**

**Anterior insula:** a lobe (area) of the human brain.

**Fraudster:** someone who steals money by tricking or misleading others.

**Scams and swindles:** dishonest plans to get money from others (often business related)

**Subconsciously:** relating to mental activity that a person is not conscious of or aware of.