

Comprehension

Part A

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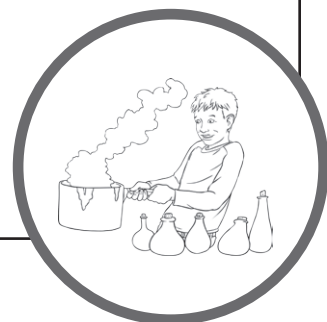
3. What adjectives and noun phrases describe Grandma's personality in Chapter 1?

4. What did Grandma say was the matter with George?

5. What did George think Grandma could be and why do you think he thought that?

Challenge Task

Create a thought bubble for Grandma, explaining her inner thoughts as she wakes up every morning.



Comprehension Answers

Part A

1. Who are the main characters in the story?

• *The main characters are George, his grandma and George's mother and father.*

2. What do you think the story is going to be about?

• *I think this story is going to be about George's grumpy old grandma.*

3. Where is the story set?

• *The story is set at George's house on his parents' farm.*

4. Why didn't George like looking after his grandma?

• *George's grandma complains all day and is no fun.*

5. What did Grandma do every day?

• *Grandma sat in her chair all day moaning and groaning.*

6. If you could be invisible for the day at George's farm, what would you do?

• *Example answer: If I could be invisible for the day I would put sleeping tablets in Grandma's tea so that George could have the day off from listening to her moaning and groaning.*

Comprehension Answers

Part B

1. What reasons did George give in the story for 'being bored to tears'?
 - *George complained that he did not have brother s or sisters or any other children to play with. He is fed up with looking at animals and having only his grandma for company.*
2. What adjectives and noun phrases describe how Grandma looked in Chapter 1?
 - *Example answer: 2. 'She had pale brown teeth and a small puckered-up mouth like a dog's bottom'.*
3. What adjectives and noun phrases describe Grandma's personality in Chapter 1?
 - *Example answer: In Chapter 1 Grandma is described as a 'selfish, grumpy old woman. Complaining, grouching, grumbling, griping. She was a miserable old grouch.'*
4. What did Grandma say was the matter with George?
 - *Grandma said that George was growing too fast and that boys who grow too fast become stupid and lazy.*
5. What did George think Grandma could be and why do you think he thought that?
 - *Example answer: George thought Grandma could be a witch because she was saying horrible things to frighten him.*

★ Challenge Task ★

Create a thought bubble for Grandma, explaining her inner thoughts as she wakes up every morning.

Example answer: Oh no! Not another day in this miserable place. I can't take it anymore with that lazy little boy. What miseries can I inflict upon him today? I know, I could shout at him as soon as he makes me a cup of the watery dishwater he calls tea. I have been thinking for some time now that my toenails need to be clipped. That could be his next job. Come to think of it, I don't think my feet have had a good wash in at least two weeks, so maybe a complete pedicure would do the trick. He deserves it. All he does is moan that he wants to play with children his own age. What's wrong with spending time with an old lady like me? I have plenty of interesting things to say and do. He's so ungrateful, so I'm going to make the snivelly little runt pay dearly for it!