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Reading

Escape from the fire

Chapter 1: Grandad

Robert was excited. He was going to stay with his grandfather at the weekend. Lucy, his cousin, was going to stay too. She was the same age as Robert and they were good friends.

While Robert was packing his bag, the telephone rang noisily. Robert answered it. It was Lucy.

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"I hope we have a great weekend," said Lucy.

"So do I," said Robert. "It's always good fun at Grandad's."

While Robert was travelling on the bus, he thought about Grandad. There were two things about him that Robert and Lucy really liked. First, he was very, very clever. He was an inventor. He invented lots of things, but mostly he invented new kinds of mobile phones. The other thing they liked was that Grandad loved history. His house was full of history books. When Robert and Lucy came to stay, Grandad told them exciting stories from history. The cousins loved the stories because they were true. They loved Grandad's tales of explorers who used to sail across the oceans and travel across deserts to distant lands.

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Robert knocked on Grandad's door. Mrs Green, the maid, opened it.

"Hello, Robert," she said. "Come in."

"Hello, Mrs Green," Robert said. "How are you?"

"I'm fine," said Mrs Green. She took his bag from him. "Your grandfather is in his study."

Robert hurried into Grandad's study. "Hello, Grandad," he began. Then he stopped in surprise.

Grandad was sitting in an armchair. There was a big bandage on his foot.

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"Grandad, what happened?" Robert asked.
"I've hurt my ankle," Grandad said. "The doctor says I mustn't walk on it for a few days."
"Poor Grandad. Does it hurt? I'll help you and so will Lucy. Where is she? Has she arrived yet?"
Grandad looked worried. "I'm not sure," he said. "I think she has disappeared."
"Disappeared?" said Robert. "What do you mean?"
Grandad leaned towards him and whispered, "I think she has travelled back in time."

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Robert looked at Grandad, amazed. "How could Lucy have travelled back in time?" he asked.

Grandad showed him a mobile phone. "Look at this," he said. "This is not an ordinary phone. This is my newest invention."

Robert thought the mobile phone looked ordinary. "What's special about it?" he asked.

"Do you promise not to tell anyone?"

"Not even Lucy?"

"Lucy knows already."

"Not even Mum and Dad?"

"I'll tell them soon."

"Okay. So what does it do?" asked Robert.

"With this mobile phone you can travel back in time."

"Wow!" Robert exclaimed. "Can you really do that?"

Grandad nodded proudly. "I've worked on this invention for two years," he said. "It's ready now."

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Robert's eyes widened. "How does it work?"

"Let me show you. You put in the date you want to visit. Then you put in the place you want to visit. Then you put in the password, *Adventure*."

"Did you tell Lucy this?"

"Yes. And now one of the time-travel phones is missing."

"How many time-travel phones have you made?" Robert asked.

"Four." Grandad shook his head. "I'm worried, Robert. I think Lucy has used the missing phone to travel back in time."

"Wow!" Robert exclaimed. "Where do you think she has gone?"

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Reading comprehension

1. Why was Robert excited?
2. What did Robert do while he was on the bus?
3. What kind of things did Grandad invent?
4. Why had Grandad got a bandage on his foot?
5. What was Grandad's newest invention?
6. How many time-travel phones did Grandad make?

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Reading comprehension

7. When did Lucy ring Robert?

8. What did Grandad tell Robert and Lucy stories about?

9. In the stories, what did the explorers use to do?

10. Where did Grandad think Lucy went?

11. How long did Grandad work on the time-travel phone?

12. What is the password for the time-travel phones?

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