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## MY GRANDMOTHER

My grandmother who lives with us is over seventy-five. She is unable to walk far, except on perfectly level ground, and even then it is not possible for her to go more than four hundred metres. Despite this handicap she is very helpful indoors, and does many jobs around the house to help my mother, her daughter. Unfortunately, she is becoming very forgetful, and it is necessary to remind her of everything she has done or is about to do. Her bad memory can lead to dangerous situations: the turning on of the gas-cooker and forgetting to light the gas or pouring boiling water into the boiler instead of into her hot-water bottle.

She loves everything old-fashioned, and will not part with anything without the utmost persuasion. Her bedroom is an excellent example of this. She will not sell her old bedroom-suite, consisting of a large double wardrobe, a massive dressing-table and a chest of drawers. She was not easily persuaded to sell her old double bed and replace it with a new single one when her husband died.

My grandmother also delights in re-living her life, and every time a wedding is mentioned we hear all the details of her own marriage. Outings in the car delight her, as it is the only way in which she can travel far afield. Every summer she visits several of her relations, and is seldom at home for more than three weeks at a time. She has a sister to whom she goes twice a year at Seaford, on the South Coast, and a son and his wife at Charlton in Surrey.

It is a good thing that she and my young sister are on the best of terms, because they share a bedroom.



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Answer the following questions based on the text above.

1) What was the grandmother's main problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) How can her poor memory have affected the household? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) What makes her seem old-fashioned? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4) List two of her greatest delights. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) With whom does grandmother share her bedroom? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6) What can you say about grandmother's character based on the text? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7) She was not easily persuaded to sell her old **double** bed and replace it with a new **single** one when her husband died. What is the difference between a **double** bed and a **single** bed?

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Choose a word from the word bank below to replace the three vocabulary words taken from the passage.

**important**

**luckily**

**convince**

**sadly**

8) **unfortunately** (line 9)

9) **necessary** (line10)

10) **persuaded** (line25)

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Prefix	Meaning	Examples
de-	from, down, away, reverse, opposite	decode, decrease
dis-	not, opposite, reverse, away	disagree, disappear
ex-	out of, away from, lacking, former	exhale, explosion
il-	not	illegal, illogical
im-	not, without	impossible, improper
in-	not, without	inaction, invisible
mis-	bad, wrong	mislead, misplace

Rewrite each underlined word using a **prefix** in each sentence on the line provided.

- 1) I think John is comfortable in that old wooden chair. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) He was charged for some legal drug transactions. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I understood what you said so I bought condensed milk instead of carnation milk for the birthday cake. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) I have now seen how responsible you guys can be to actually walk over the plate on the floor. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) It's a sin to actually obey your parents. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) That young man treated you very fairly. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) My mom made me write my letter for the third time because I had too many mistakes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Do you really think this is sufficient food for a toddler? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) We know you like us from day one. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Because I was born as a seven months baby I was considered to be mature.  
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**Capitalize Names and Other Proper Nouns:**

- You should always capitalize people's names.
- My favorite author is Jane Austen.
- Tom and Diane met at Judy's house.
- Have you met my dog, Boomer?

Names are proper nouns. The names of **cities, countries, companies, religions, and political parties** are also proper nouns, so you should capitalize them, too.

We experienced some beautiful **San Pedro Ambergris Caye** weather last summer when we attended a **Catholic** wedding there.

You should also capitalize words like *mom* and *grandpa* when they are used as a form of address.

EXAMPLE: Just wait until **Mom** sees this!

*But NOT* when it is used like this: My **mom** is not going to like this.

- **Write the words that should be capitalized on the lines provided below each sentence.**

1) My teacher, mr. ramirez, has a son whose name is terrence.

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2) Mom got so upset when she heard that dad was getting a transfer to corozal.

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3) Next christmas we will go to my grandfather's farm to plant corn and cucumber.

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4) I love language arts but really hate history.

\_\_\_\_\_

5) We will be going to brazil on a plane.

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6) My mom has six children, three were born in new york, one in california, one in europe and one in belize. \_\_\_\_\_

8) My cousins are all catholics. \_\_\_\_\_

9) Dad said that his grandfather attended holy ghost primary school.

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10) next tuesday we will all go to placencia for the wedding.

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Hi Marco

Nice to meet you! My name's Sara and I'm fifteen. I live in London with my mum, my little brother Alfie and my dog, Cookie. We live in a small house in Greenwich. It's got three bedrooms and a small garden.

I live near my school so I walk to school every day. I like school and my favourite subjects are Maths and ICT. I want to work with computers when I leave school. What about you? What subjects do you like at school? I enjoy playing hockey and I'm in the school hockey team. Last week we won a match and I scored a goal!

My best friends are Jo and Steph and we're in the same class. Our teacher Mrs Jenkins is nice, but sometimes she gives us lots of homework :( After school I often go to a café with my friends. The café has got Wi-Fi so we can chat online and then usually we go home to do our homework.

At the weekend I sometimes play in hockey matches and I often go roller-skating in the park. I'm good at roller-skating because I can go very fast and sometimes I skate when I take my dog for a walk!

Write soon and tell me all about yourself, your friends and your family.

Best wishes

Sara

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**Write a letter responding to this letter from Sara.**

**Use the address given above as your address.**