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Reading

A Read Claire's family story.

It's amazing how sometimes there is a family story that no one talks about. One summer when I was about 10 years old, I found out something that really surprised me. At the time, I was staying with my grandparents on their farm. I loved spending time with them, but Grandad was pretty busy working every day and Grandma didn't always talk very much. I know they loved me by the way they smiled at me all the time, and they always told me that I took after my dad. However, I don't think they were always comfortable being around an energetic girl. So I had to find ways to entertain myself.

I used to love going up to the attic. I would spend hours looking through all the old stuff stored up there. There were boxes of books and papers and a lot of other interesting things. My mum had told me I would probably inherit most of it someday. One day, while I was looking around in the corner of the room, I came across a chest full of old-fashioned dresses. They looked expensive – the kind of thing a woman would wear to a fancy party. A lot of them were made of silk. 'Who do they all belong to?' I wondered. For the next few days, I kept thinking about the clothes. I finally told my grandmother what I had found. For a moment, she sat there not saying anything. Grandad looked up from his newspaper and smiled. 'Well, you can't keep it a secret,' he said. Grandma looked down at her hands and sighed. 'I guess you're right,' she said.

This is what she said. 'When I was young, I liked to sing and people said that I had a good voice. My mother had told me many times. When I was about 17 years old, I decided I wanted to become a professional singer. But there was a problem. I had fallen in love with your grandfather. I didn't want to be separated from him, but I had to leave to become a successful entertainer. I



finally decided that if I didn't do it, I would always regret it. I was away for four long years.' Grandad looked up and said, 'I only saw her once when I went to see her perform. She didn't know I was in the audience; I told her about it later. I didn't want her to think about coming back until she was ready.' About six months after his visit, I was ready,' Grandma said. I went over and hugged Grandma. 'That's so sweet!' I said. 'I want to know more about it!' Grandma smiled at me and replied. 'Maybe I'll tell you more another day.' That was fine with me, but the next day I was back up in the attic looking at all Grandma's wonderful clothes and thinking about what her life must have been like then.

B Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Look at the sentences below. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. Write T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Claire says her grandad was a hard-working man.
- 2 Claire's grandparents thought Claire and her father were similar.
- 3 Claire found some casual, modern dresses in the attic.
- 4 When Claire saw the dresses, she was sure they were her grandmother's.
- 5 People paid Claire's grandma compliments about her singing.
- 6 Claire's grandma didn't want to leave town because she was too young.
- 7 Grandad tried to help Grandma make an important decision.
- 8 A year after Claire's grandma returned, she had her wedding.

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Vocabulary and Use your English

A Circle the correct words.

- 1 Mike takes **after** / **for** his mum – they both like playing music and reading books.
- 2 My older brother **took** / **passed down** his old clothes to me.
- 3 Add two eggs and put the **mixing** / **mixture** in the oven. Your cake will be ready in 20 minutes.
- 4 My mum says I shouldn't be **choosy** / **choice** and I must eat the food we have.
- 5 Her grandmother **brought** / **passed away** last year.
- 6 Tom found **out** / **up** amazing things about his uncle when he read his journal.
- 7 Daisy's brother is very popular at school. Everyone says he looks **after** / **like** Zac Efron.
- 8 I was looking **for** / **up** my granny's old photos and instead I found the letters she wrote to my grandad when they were engaged.
- 9 I won't tell you what Martin said because you can't **keep** / **get** a secret.
- 10 Mum always says that we **brighten** / **bright** her life with our laughter.

(___ / 10 marks)

B Circle the odd one out.

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| 1 divorced | married | middle-aged |
| 2 ancestors | traditions | twins |
| 3 easy-going | unkind | friendly |
| 4 height | slim | overweight |
| 5 find out | take after | look like |
| 6 honest | reliable | young |
| 7 thirst | hunger | vitamin |
| 8 dish | bite | plate |

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C Match the words in bold in the sentences 1–6 with their meanings a–f.

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| 1 She was very sad because her grandfather passed away . | ☐ | a give to a younger relation |
| 2 He looked after his sister. | ☐ | b get really upset |
| 3 Jack fell to pieces when Fiona told him she wanted a divorce. | ☐ | c looked similar to |
| 4 You must have sympathy for other people and their problems. | ☐ | d show understanding |
| 5 My great-grandmother passed down this beautiful ring to me. | ☐ | e did everything for |
| 6 My cousin took after his very tall father. | ☐ | f died |

(___ / 6 marks)

D Complete the dialogue with these words.

bowl waiter delicious dessert protein spoon starter dinner

- Anna:** I can't wait to have (1) _____. I'm really starving.
- Ben:** So am I. That pizza looks (2) _____.
- Anna:** Yes, it does but let's have a (3) _____ of soup first. It's my favourite (4) _____.
- Ben:** Ok. Then we'll have the pizza. Do you think there's a lot of (5) _____ in pizza?
- Anna:** There must be some, but I don't know how much. Can you ask the (6) _____ for another set of cutlery? I don't have any.
- Ben:** Ok. You'll need a big (7) _____ to eat the soup.
- Anna:** I sure do. What should we have for (8) _____?
- Ben:** I don't know about you, but I'm having ice cream.
- Anna:** That sounds like a wonderful idea.

(___ / 8 marks)

Grammar

A Circle the correct words.

- 1 Water **is freezing** / freezes at 0° Celsius.
- 2 We **are going** / go to the cinema after dinner this evening.
- 3 Why **does Sue smell** / is Sue smelling the cheese?
- 4 My mobile phone **is ringing** / rings. I have to answer it.
- 5 My grandparents **aren't having** / don't have a new car.
- 6 The weather **is getting** / gets hotter with each passing day.
- 7 The Nelsons **are visiting** / visit France every summer.
- 8 Most people **are believing** / believe that junk food is bad for our health.
- 9 What **are you doing** / do you do every day after class?
- 10 Peter **is working** / works as a waiter this summer to save some money.

(___ / 10 marks)

B Complete the sentences with these words.

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- 1 There weren't _____ children on the street.
- 2 _____ snow fell this morning, but it didn't even cover the ground.
- 3 Did it take _____ time to get to school this morning?
- 4 _____ my relatives live in Australia.
- 5 Only _____ of the children came to the party.

(___ / 5 marks)

C Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the Past Simple or the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Paul: Hi Mandy.

Mandy: Hi Paul. (1) _____ (you / do) anything after school yesterday?

Paul: No, I (2) _____ (not do). What about you?

Mandy: Well, after I got home, I (3) _____ (check) my messages on Facebook.
I (4) _____ (have) one from Roland. He asked me to meet him at the mall.

Paul: Did you go?

Mandy: Yes, I did. When I got there, Roland (5) _____ (wait) for me. We
(6) _____ (decide) to see a movie instead of going shopping.

Paul: How did you get home?

Mandy: It (7) _____ (not rain) so we walked home.

Paul: Did you play computer games when you got home?

Mandy: No, we couldn't. My sister (8) _____ (use) the computer, so we
(9) _____ (watch) a football game on TV instead.

Paul: Did Roland go home after the game?

Mandy: No, he didn't. While we (10) _____ (watch) the game, my mother
asked Roland to stay for dinner, so he did.

(___ / 10 marks)

D Complete the sentences using the correct form of *used to*, *be used to*, *get used to* or *would*.

- 1 After living in India for five years, I eventually _____ eating curry.
- 2 Jenny _____ cooking her own meals now. Her mum taught her before she left home.
- 3 Linda has been living in Finland all her life so she _____ the cold weather.
- 4 My mum _____ invite all my cousins to my birthday parties. They were great fun!
- 5 When my dad was a student he _____ own a computer. He used to type his assignments.

(___ / 5 marks)

Writing

Complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

Write an **email** to a friend describing a surprise birthday party you gave for your grandad.
In your email you should:

- write about the preparations you made
- write about the food you served

(100 words)

(___ / 10 marks)

