

Mason Clark It's Flashback Friday! Here are two of my favorite memories from 2009. I was eight. This was in the summer. I was with my sister, and we were on vacation at my grandparents' house. My parents weren't there. It was **exciting**! #flashbackfriday #2009 #summervacation



Fay L. Wright You were really **cute**!

Bert Chow Your grandparents' yard was **beautiful**!

Mason Clark Yeah, it was **wonderful**. It was usually **quiet**, but not in the summer. We were **noisy** kids!

Mason Clark And this was my old go-kart. My grandpa made it for me. Well, it wasn't old in 2009 – it was **new** then! It was **slow**, but to me, at eight, it was really **fast** and exciting. #go-kart #2009 #bestgrandparents



Sam Lopez My go-kart was **awful**, but yours is great.

Bethany Clark Hey, Mason is still driving it today! 😂

Mason Clark Don't listen to my sister! I have a real, **fast** car now. 😊

A. Answer these questions

1. What day is Mason Clark writing about?
2. How old was Mason in 2009?
3. Where was Mason on vacation?
4. Who was Mason with during the summer?

5. Were Mason's parents with them?
6. What did Mason's grandfather make for him?
7. How does Mason describe the go-kart?

B. Vocabulary in Context

8. What does the word **"exciting"** mean in the text?
9. Why does Mason say the yard was usually **quiet**?
10. What does Mason mean when he says the go-kart was **"fast"** to him?

C. Inferential (Thinking Deeper)

11. Why do you think Mason liked staying at his grandparents' house?
12. Why was the summer different from other times of the year?
13. How can we tell Mason has good memories of his childhood?

D. Personal Response

14. Do you have a childhood memory similar to Mason's? Explain.

15. What object or place from your childhood is special to you?

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