

Helping Grandma

Tony was a fourth grader. He got out of school at three o'clock every day. His parents worked until dinnertime. So after school Tony walked to his grandma's house. Grandma Sally only lived a block from school.

Most days Grandma Sally helped Tony with his homework. Then, they played cards or watched cartoons together. Tony loved his grandma. Grandma Sally was old, but she was never boring.

One afternoon Tony walked to his grandma's house as usual. When Tony reached her door, he reached into his jacket pocket. It was empty. "Oops, I forgot my key," he said to himself.

Tony rang the doorbell, but no one came. Maybe the doorbell's broken, Tony thought. He knocked. His grandma's hearing wasn't as good as it used to be. Maybe she couldn't hear him. He started knocking loudly. Still, Grandma Sally did not answer the door. Tony tried turning the knob. It would not even turn. The door was locked.

Tony began to get a funny feeling in his stomach. Something was wrong. He began to walk around Grandma Sally's house, looking in every window. Usually, his grandma was downstairs waiting for him. Today, there was no sign of her. Tony had to get inside!

Tony checked the back door and several windows. They were all locked. Then he tried the last window - the one in his grandpa's old office. When Tony pushed on it, he sighed in relief. The window opened easily. Tony crawled inside.

"Grandma Sally? Are you here, Grandma?" Tony shouted. He ran through the house, looking for his grandma. She wasn't downstairs. Tony was worried.

Then Tony thought he heard a noise. It sounded like it was coming from upstairs. Tony did not stop. He ran as fast as he could up the stairs. He found Grandma Sally sitting on the floor of her bedroom. She looked like she was in pain. Tony noticed she was holding her right ankle.

"Tony, thank goodness you found me! I can't get up!" Tony didn't bother to tell her about forgetting his key or climbing in the window. She needed his help first!

Tony was strong, but not strong enough to lift a grown-up. Plus, he didn't want to hurt her ankle more. He called his dad at work. His dad said he would come right over and take Grandma Sally to the doctor. Tony got Grandma Sally some ice to put on her ankle. It was starting to swell.

A few hours later Grandma Sally was safely home. She had a new pair of crutches to help her walk. Tony told her about forgetting his key. She was proud of him for finding a

way to help her. She smiled at him and told him she had two things for him. First, she handed Tony an extra key to hide in the yard, just in case. Then, she gave him a huge hug and told him how much she loved him. Tony thought to himself, "This must be how a hero feels."

1. What grade was Tony in?

- A. Second.
- B. Third.
- C. Fourth.

2. Why did Tony go to his grandma's house every day after school?

- A. He got out of school every day at three o'clock.
- B. She took care of him until his parents came home.
- C. He liked to stop by on his way home for milk and cookies.

3. What did Tony find out when he got to his grandma's house?

- A. He forgot his key to the door.
- B. He left his homework at school.
- C. His parents were going to be late.

4. Where did Tony find his grandma when he got into the house?

- A. She was sitting on the steps that went upstairs.
- B. She was in the kitchen making something to eat.
- C. She was on the floor in her bedroom upstairs.

5. What did Tony and his grandma do after school?

- A. Make something to eat and then do Tony's homework.
- B. Do Tony's homework and then play cards or watch TV.
- C. Do Tony's homework and then play games in the backyard.

6. Why did Tony think his grandma wouldn't open the door when he knocked loudly?

- A. She was sleeping in her room.
- B. Her hearing wasn't very good.
- C. The door to her room was closed.

7. What did Tony's grandma give him at the end of the story?

- A. Her phone number in case she needed help again.
- B. A big hug and some milk and cookies to eat.
- C. An extra key to hide in the yard and a big hug.

8. How did Tony get into his grandma's house?

- A. He climbed in through a window.
- B. He got in through the back door.
- C. He found the spare key under a mat.

9. What made Tony get a funny feeling in his stomach?

- A. He was hungry and needed to get into the house so his grandma could fix him something to eat.
- B. He thought he was going to have to sit on the front porch and wait a long time before his parents came.
- C. He felt something was wrong because things were not like they usually were when he came to his grandma's house.

10. What happened right after Tony found his grandma?

- A. He helped her get into her bed.
- B. He called his dad at work for help.
- C. He told her about forgetting his key.

11. How was Tony's grandma feeling when he found her?

- A. She was in pain from hurting herself.
- B. She was upset with Tony for being late.
- C. She was sleepy because she just woke up.

12. What was this story mostly about?

- A. A boy who helped his grandma when she got hurt.
- B. A boy who couldn't get into his grandma's house.
- C. A boy who liked to play games with his grandma.