

Sample Lesson #1

Grandma's Big Birthday

The air is hot and heavy with humidity today. There's no breeze. I feel like a sticky piece of candy. Still, I'm very excited. Today is a big day. Grandma is 90 years old! I'm only seven.

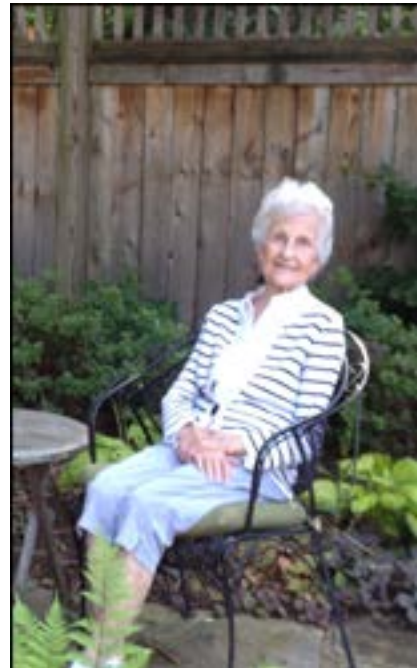
I am making Grandma's birthday cake, lemon with a lemony glaze. Mama says lemon is refreshing, perfect for a hot sticky day. I like to bake. I make lots of things to eat. Sometimes, I put together things that people think don't go together. I like to experiment. But today, I will make something I know Grandma loves.

We're having the party on our patio. My aunts, uncles, and cousins are coming. Grandma loves to have her family around. She isn't bothered by the heat. Grandma is always cold. I just shake my head when she asks for her sweater!

Grandma is in a very good mood. She says funny things. She is not as forgetful today. She eats almost all of her dinner. I help Grandma blow out the candles. She takes a slice of cake with ice cream. The cake is delicious. But the ice cream runs all over the plate. I get some small red velvet donuts from the kitchen. I made them just in case. Grandpa eats both a piece of cake and a donut!

After dinner, we show Grandma how to take a selfie! She giggles. She makes funny faces. We all laugh. I give Grandma the card I made with a poem I wrote just for her. She tries on some shoes that she got for her birthday. I'm glad I don't get shoes for my birthday.

I think Grandma had a great party. We have funny pictures and fun memories of her big day.



- L.2.4.A 1. When the air is hot and heavy with humidity, it can make people feel _____.
refreshed sticky hungry cold
- RL.2.1 2. Which two gifts does Grandma get for her birthday?
shoes hats a poem a sweater pajamas
- RL.2.5 3. **The person telling the story is the *narrator*.** Who is the narrator?
A) a grandmother B) a mother C) a grandchild
- RL.2.5 4. In the beginning, the narrator tells about _____.
A) how much Grandma eats at the party
B) what is special about today
C) the gifts that Grandma gets
- RL.2.5 5. At the end, the narrator _____.
A) gives reasons why Grandma had a great party
B) tells how Grandma is always cold
C) tells about things Grandma likes to do
- RL.2.3 6. What does Grandma do when she learns how to take a selfie?

- L.2.4 7. Draw a line to match each word with its clue.
memories a light wind
breeze things we remember
refreshing a deck or porch
patio cool and uplifting