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**Sunday 3rd June**

We went to see Grandpa today (well, he's Great-Grandpa really but he doesn't like being called that). I helped him dig some potatoes in the garden. I only did it because Mum said I had to, but I actually enjoyed it! And Grandpa gave me £1. As we were digging, I told Grandpa about Archie's party yesterday. Grandpa told me that when he was my age his best friend was called Peter and that they both had the same birthday. Apparently on their birthday they would cycle off for the day and fish in the river. Grandpa called Peter 'Buzz' because of his wild hair; Peter called Grandpa 'Buck' because his teeth stuck out. I asked Grandpa when his birthday was and he said he stopped celebrating his birthday at seventy.

**Monday 4th June**

I told Mum about Grandpa's non-birthdays and she said that was nonsense. It turns out Grandpa's going to be eighty soon and we are having a special lunch to celebrate. I want to buy him a present so I looked in my tin and found:

- a £1 coin (from Grandpa)
- a £2 coin (from last week's pocket money)
- my missing house keys

A trowel is a small hand spade used in gardening.

**Thursday 7th June**

I've been thinking more about Grandpa's present. Some options:

- ~~a box of chocolates~~ – too boring
- some vegetable seeds – fine if the money situation doesn't improve
- ~~a new bicycle~~ – expensive and daft
- a picture of Grandpa and Peter – impossible (?) will investigate
- ~~a new garden fork~~ – too expensive
- a new trowel – investigate



**Friday 8th June**

I'm staying the night at Granny's tonight. She is (Great-) Grandpa's daughter so I will ask her about Peter. I will also ask her to take me to the garden centre.

**Sunday 10th June**

I couldn't write last night because I was in a coma after spending ALL AFTERNOON at the garden centre. In the end I had to pretend I had a stomach ache (but not until after my ice cream.) Granny showed me the trowel she said I should buy. It was £14.99.

Anyway, it turns out that Grandpa's friend Peter is STILL ALIVE!!! And what's more, he only lives the other side of the park. Sadly Granny says she doesn't have a picture of Grandpa and Peter.

So, I have £3 in my tin.

I get £3 a week pocket money and there are three weeks until Grandpa's birthday.

I need £1 a week to buy sweets.

I can save £2 a week.  $£2 \times 3 = £6$

$£6 + £3 = £9$

So I need to earn £5.99 in three weeks. (Or perhaps not eat any sweets.)

**Monday 11th June**

Helped Dad weed the front drive. Got £2 (and a sore back).

**Wednesday 13th June**

Mowed Mrs Tilling's front lawn (with a bit of help from Mum). Got £2 (and sore arms).

**Saturday 16th June**

Washed the windows for Mr Gratten. Got £2 (and a piece of chocolate cake).

**Saturday 23rd June**

Granny and I went back to the garden centre and I was able to buy the trowel. Granny said it was "oo, so nicely made," and "yes, it's just the ticket," and "gosh it's nice and strong". And I said "Calm down, Granny".

But when I got back to Granny's and I looked at the trowel I wondered whether I really wanted to give it to Grandpa after all. I'd had another idea. It wouldn't cost anything but I needed Granny to help.

**Sunday 1st July**

My plan worked, thanks to Granny. Just after Grandpa arrived for his birthday lunch, there was a knock on the door. Moments later, Granny steered an old man into the sitting room. "Buzz," said Grandpa. "You've got no hair!" "Buck!" the old man replied. "You've got no teeth!"

"Happy birthday, Buzz." said Grandpa.

"Happy birthday, Buck." said Peter.

After lunch we took Grandpa and Peter down to the river where they used to fish. I took a nice picture of Grandpa and Peter and I am going to put it in a frame for Grandpa. It is going to be the best present ever.

And the trowel? I gave it to Granny. She couldn't have been happier!





Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

1 'Sunday 3rd June'

Why did the writer of the diary go and help Grandpa with the gardening? Tick **one** box. [1]

They liked potatoes.

☐

They enjoyed gardening.

☐

They needed money for the present.

☐

They were told to by their mum.

☐

Make sure you read the first entry and think about why they help.



2 Mark these statements as true or false, using evidence from the text. The first one has been done for you. [2]

The answers are in the first paragraph.

	True	False
Grandpa is really Great-Grandpa.	✓	
Grandpa likes birthdays.		
Grandpa used to be called 'Buck'.		
Grandpa is 70.		



3 Draw lines to match the characters to the ways in which the writer of the diary helped them. The first one has been done for you. [1]

Character	How he/she helped
Granny	gives her the trowel
Great-Grandpa	mows the lawn
Mrs Tilling	weeds the drive
Mr Gratten	finds his friend
Dad	washes the windows



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Explain why Grandpa and Peter gave each other their nicknames. [2]

The explanations are in the first section.



- 2 How do you know that the writer of the diary visited the garden centre on 9th June? Use evidence from the text. [2]

Read the entries for the 8th and 10th June.



- 3 'Thursday 7th June'

- a) Why does the writer of the diary say that *vegetable seeds* would be *fine* as a present? [1]

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- b) What do they say would be too much money as a present? Give **two** ideas. [1]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Give **two** pieces of evidence that suggest Granny might like gardening. [2]

Read all the references to Granny.



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

**1** “Yes, it’s just the ticket,”

This means that Granny thinks what? Tick **one** box. [1]

The trowel is  
very sturdy.

☐

She has a ticket  
to buy the trowel.

☐

The trowel is  
exactly right.

☐

The trowel is  
very exciting.

☐

**2** How do you know that the writer of the diary did not enjoy their first trip to the garden centre? [2]

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**3** Write the correct dates for each of these summaries. [1]

Finding out about Buzz and Buck

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Buzz and Buck meet again

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Granny gets over-excited

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What shall I buy for Grandpa?

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Cake-bonus!

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**4** Give **two** examples of humour used in the diary entries. [2]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Answers: Grandpa's Perfect Gift

LEVEL: Towards	
<p><b>P</b> Why did the writer of the diary go and help Grandpa with the gardening? Tick <b>one</b> box. [1]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> They were told to by their mum.</p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2b
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Retrieving and recording information; Clarifying
<p><b>P</b> Mark these statements as true or false, using evidence from the text. [2]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> True (given); False; True; False  <i>Award one mark for two correct answers; two marks for three correct answers.</i></p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2b/d
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Retrieving and recording information; Making inferences; Clarifying
<p><b>P</b> Draw lines to match the characters to the ways in which the writer of the diary helped them. [1]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Granny – gives her the trowel (given); Great-Grandpa – finds his friend; Mrs Tilling – mows the lawn; Mr Gratten – washes the windows; Dad – weeds the drive</p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2b
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Retrieving and recording information; Recall
LEVEL: Securing	
<p><b>P</b> Explain why Grandpa and Peter gave each other their nicknames. [2]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Grandpa called Peter 'Buzz' because of his hair.; Peter called Grandpa 'Buck' because of his teeth.</p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2d
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Clarifying; Retrieving and recording information
<p><b>P</b> How do you know that the writer of the diary visited the garden centre on 9th June? Use evidence from the text. [2]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> <i>Award one mark for each piece of evidence:</i>        8th June: 'Staying at Granny's tonight ... I will ask her to take me to the garden centre'.        10th June: 'Couldn't write yesterday due to the trip to the garden centre'.</p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2d
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Making inferences; Making connections; Clarifying
<p><b>P</b> a) Why does the writer of the diary say that <i>vegetable seeds</i> would be <i>fine</i> as a present? [1]        b) What do they say would be too much money as a present? [1]</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> a) We know that Grandpa likes gardening, so vegetable seeds would be a welcome gift.; They are a good option 'if the money situation does not improve'.        b) a new bicycle; a new garden fork  <i>Award one mark for each section.</i></p>	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2d



# Answers: Grandpa's Perfect Gift

<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Making connections; Making inferences
Give two pieces of evidence that suggest Granny might like gardening. [2]	
<b>Answer:</b> Award one mark for each answer similar to: She likes the garden centre.; She wants to spend a long time at the garden centre.; She likes the trowel a lot.; She couldn't be happier when she receives the trowel.	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2d
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Making connections; Making inferences
<b>LEVEL: Deeper</b>	
“Yes, it's just the ticket” This means that Granny thinks what? Tick <b>one</b> box. [1]	
<b>Answer:</b> The trowel is exactly right.	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2a
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Giving meaning of words in context; Making inferences
How do you know that the writer of the diary did not enjoy their first trip to the garden centre? [2]	
<b>Answer:</b> Award one mark for each answer similar to: The use of capitals for 'ALL AFTERNOON' shows that they are appalled at the time they spent there.; They are 'in a coma' from the trip.; They pretended to have stomach ache in order to get away.	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2d
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Making inferences; Making connections
Write the correct dates for each of these summaries. [1]	
<b>Answer:</b> Finding out about Buzz and Buck – Sunday 3rd June; Buzz and Buck meet again – Sunday 1st July; Granny gets over-excited – Saturday 23rd June; What shall I buy for Grandpa? – Thursday 7th June; Cake-bonus! – Saturday 16th June	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2c
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Summarising; Making inferences
Give <b>two</b> examples of humour used in the diary entries. [2]	
<b>Answer:</b> Award one mark for each answer similar to: Wild hair/sticking out teeth becomes no hair/no teeth; repetition of 'sore' in the brackets – plus chocolate cake in contrast; finds missing keys in money tin; Granny's over-excitement – and “Calm down, Granny” – with the trowel; pretended to feel ill but only after the ice cream	
<b>Content domain reference</b>	2f
<b>Comprehension strategies</b>	Making connections; Making inferences



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