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## My grandpa



### Let's Think

1. How many family members do you have?
2. Do you spend a lot of time with your family?

You are Alice. You are reading a diary entry about the memory of a family member.

### First Year without Grandpa

We won't be aware of how much we love somebody until they are gone. I never understood it until Grandpa passed away.

My grandpa had several grandchildren—one grandson and three granddaughters. Many stubbornly conservative Chinese grandparents favour grandsons over granddaughters, but Grandpa was different. He loved us all. When we learnt that he had been diagnosed with cancer, all of us were so depressed. We couldn't bear to lose him.

However, the unexpected thing that struck us was that he didn't seem to be afraid of death. On the contrary, he lived his remaining days positively. He still went to the park and did Tai Chi every morning. He also cooked for us sometimes if he wasn't too tired. I could strongly feel that he still clung to his usual routine as he didn't want us to feel sorry for or worry about him.

I still remember the scene by his deathbed. He smiled gently, and reminded us to live happily and healthily. When he slowly closed his eyes, tears ran non-stop down my cheeks. He will always be in my heart, my kind Grandpa.

(185 words)

## Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the diary entry. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. Which of the following can replace the words 'be aware of' in line 1?

- A. love
- B. know
- C. care
- D. mind

2. According to the diary entry, the writer feels that her grandpa was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. kind
- B. fair
- C. positive
- D. all of the above

3. Which of the following about Grandpa is **TRUE**?

- A. He felt very depressed upon knowing that he had cancer.
- B. He needed to go to hospital after strolling in the park.
- C. He was caring and tried to make everyone not worry about him.
- D. He told the writer about his diagnosis first.

4. According to the diary entry, we know that the writer \_\_\_\_\_ her grandpa.

- A. misses
- B. still feels sorry for
- C. dislikes
- D. has forgotten

5. The writer shed tears because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. she couldn't breathe
- B. her grandpa had cancer
- C. her grandpa was no longer alive
- D. her grandpa told her to cry

## Grammar Corner

We can use the **simple past tense** to talk about something that happened and finished in the past.

**e.g.** He also cooked for us sometimes if he wasn't too tired.  
(Line 12-13)

The prefix '**non-**' means 'not'.

## Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the diary entry. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. How many grandchildren did Grandpa have?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Find words or phrases in the diary entry that are closest in meaning to the following.

died	(a)
without interruptions or pauses	(b)

3. How was the writer's grandpa different from stubbornly conservative Chinese grandparents?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_


4. Find a word in paragraph 4 which means 'told'.

\_\_\_\_\_

The given word is a verb in the simple past tense. Try to find a word with similar meaning in the same tense.

5. Do you think the writer's grandpa was positive? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

 6. Look at another diary entry from the same writer below. There is one mistake in each line. Underline the mistake and write the correct answer above it.

Grandpa died from depression. We all sat beside him before he was gone.

Although he told us not to feel worry for him, I couldn't stop crying. I will  
always forget him.

# Vocabulary Bank

The following are some adjectives describing character. Match them with the correct descriptions. One of the words is not used.

cheerful      considerate      diligent      helpful  
independent      humble      serious      trustworthy      talkative

I like helping people. I always try my best to lend a helping hand.

1.



My friends say I always wear a smile and make them happy.

2.



I'm not arrogant. I don't think I'm better than others.

3.



I usually think about the needs and feelings of others first.

4.



I can do things by myself. I don't need to ask others for help.

5.



My parents and teachers say that I work very hard and very carefully.

6.



People say I think carefully and don't laugh much.

7.



I like talking. I talk a lot.

8.



## Let's Discuss

1. Which family member do you love the most? Why?
2. What is your favourite family activity? Why?