

Grandparents

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UNIT 28 STORY

Great-Grandmother

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Vocabulary Words



America
America is another name for the United States.



Japan
Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean.



remember
To remember is to think of something that has already happened. To remember is to think of someone you've known.

re • mem • ber remember
 Mo • ko Moko

Great-Grandmother

CHAPTER 1

Grandmother Moko

This story is about Ann and her great-grandmother.



Look at the picture. Find Ann. Find Ann's mother. Find Ann's grandmother. Now find Ann's great-grandmother. Ann's great-grandmother was born a long time ago. Ann's great-grandmother is almost one hundred years old! Ann calls her great-grandmother "Grandmother Moko."

Who is this story about? How old do you think Ann is? How old is Grandmother Moko?

Grandmother Moko was born in a country called Japan. Japan is very far away. Grandmother Moko speaks two languages. She speaks English and Japanese. Sometimes she even forgets which language she is speaking. Ann loves her Grandmother Moko.



After school, Ann often sat with her Grandmother Moko. Ann said, "Tell me about when you were little."

Grandmother said, "That was long ago!"

Ann said, "Do you remember?"

Grandmother said, "Yes. When I was small, we had no cars. I went to school on my grandfather's back."

Ann asked, "On your grandfather's back?"



Grandmother said, "Yes. I would sit in the street because I did not want to go far. I would cry. My grandfather would lift me onto his back. Then, off we would go!"

Ann asked, "Were you spoiled, Grandmother?"

Grandmother Moko nodded, and her eyes twinkled as she thought of her grandfather from long ago.

What did Ann want her Grandmother Moko to tell her about? Why would Grandmother Moko sit in the street? Who took Grandmother Moko to school on his back? Do you think you could get someone to carry you piggyback to school? I wonder if Grandmother Moko was spoiled.

CHAPTER 2

School



Ann asked her grandmother, "What did you do in school?"

Grandmother said, "That was long ago! My friends and I worked hard. We would read and do math."

Ann asked, "Did you do fun things?"

Grandmother said, "Yes, we sang songs, and we ran in the school yard."

Then Grandmother said, "What do you do in school?"

Ann said, "We do fun things too. We sing songs. We read and do math. We run in the school yard."

Grandmother nodded. Then Grandmother said, "I should rest."

What did Ann ask Grandmother Moko? Did Grandmother Moko and her friends work hard in school? What did Ann say she and her friends did in school? What was the same?



Look at the pictures. They show Ann's great-grandmother as a young girl in Japan. What did Ann's great-grandmother do that you do? Is there anything that is different?

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ago across America

CHAPTER 3
America

Whenever Ann sat with her great-grandmother, she learned something about long ago. Grandmother Moko often forgot what she had for lunch that day, but she remembered things from long ago. One day, Ann asked her great-grandmother why she had come to America.

"Why did I go to America?" asked Grandmother. "I wanted to see America! I wanted to go across the sea."



Ann asked, "Were you going to go back?" Grandmother nodded. "Yes, but after three years, I belonged in America. My friends were in America."

Long ago, what had Grandmother Moko wanted to do? Why did Grandmother Moko say she decided to stay in America?

Then Ann asked, "Grandmother, what did you do in America?"

"I worked in a market," said Grandmother Moko. "That's where I met my husband. I am glad that I wanted to see America."

Ann said, "I'm glad too."



Where did Grandmother Moko work in America? Who did she meet in the market? How did Grandmother say she felt about coming to America?

CHAPTER 4
Grandmother Moko Remembers

Grandmother would soon be one hundred. Grandmother couldn't remember things. She asked, "What is the matter with me? Why can't I remember?"

Ann said, "But Grandmother, you can remember long ago."

Grandmother said, "Yes, I can."

Ann said, "Tell me about your grandfather."

Grandmother said, "I remember going to the sea with my grandfather."



Ann asked, "What would you do at the sea, Grandmother?"

Grandmother Moko said, "We would eat. Then we would sit on the rocks and listen to the sea."

How old was Grandmother Moko? What was her problem? Grandmother Moko couldn't remember many things. What could she remember?



other mother brother
under understand

CHAPTER 5

A Gift for Grandmother Moko

One day, Ann's teacher said, "We're going to make books. Your book will be about someone in your family." Ann's friend Alejandro decided to write a book about his grandfather in Mexico. Anita decided to write a book about her sister.

Who do you think Ann's decided to write about? Who would you write about?

Ann's book would be about her Grandmother Moko.



Ann sat at her desk and began to think about her great-grandmother.
Who would you think about?



Ann wanted to remember the things Grandmother Moko had said about long ago. Ann wanted her book to tell about the things she and Grandmother Moko did together. Ann wanted her book to tell about the fun she had with Grandmother Moko.

What would your book tell about?

When Ann finished her book, she read it to her class. Her friends had many questions about Grandmother Moko. If you were in Ann's class, what would you ask Ann?

When Grandmother Moko had her one hundredth birthday Ann could hardly wait until Grandmother Moko opened her presents. What do you think Ann gave Grandmother Moko?

Ann said, "Grandmother Moko, this is your gift from me."



Grandmother Moko opened the present. Ann held her breath. Grandmother Moko carefully read each page as small tears slid down her cheeks.

Then Grandmother Moko said, "Thank you, Ann. Your book is the best gift." Ann could tell that she had made Grandmother Moko very happy. They were both very, very happy.

Why were Grandmother and Ann happy?

CHAPTER 6

Ann's Book About Grandmother Moko



See my great-grandmother and me.
I call her Grandmother Moko. She is my friend.

Grandmother Moko tells me about when
she was little. She went to school on her
grandfather's back. I wish I had met her
grandfather.

After school my Grandmother Moko and
I drink tea together. We eat treats too. Yum,
yum, yum!



Grandmother Moko and I read together.
She can't see so well. So, I read to her.

Grandmother Moko and I sing together too.
Great-grandmother says, "Thank you, Ann."
Then I say, "Thank you, Great-Grandmother."
Grandmother Moko is my best friend.

I like Ann's story about her great-grandmother. I think Ann's great-grandmother was very special. Why do you think her great-grandmother was special?

Great-Grandmother

Look at the pictures below. Who was the story about?



Ann had a very special relationship with her great-grandmother. Let's retell some of the things that Ann did with her great-grandmother. Look at the first picture. Tell me about the picture. Start your sentence by saying: "Ann and Grandmother Moko liked to . . ."



Close your eyes and think for a moment about an older person who is special in your life—someone older than your mother or father. Paint a picture of that person in your mind.

Think of one special thing you like about that person.

Raise your hand if you would like to tell about someone special in your life. Start with, "I'm thinking of . . ." Say, "We like to . . ."

Storybook Decoding Review

■ Sounds you know:

U	f	ea	G	y-(yarn)
l	b	D	m	i
K	er	h	o	Y-

▲ Words you can sound out:

well	grand	until	belonged
yarn	swing	yet	remember

♥ Word family you can read:

about	ago	along	America
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✈ Words you have learned:

you	other	father	were
from	working	should	the

✿ Phrases you can read:

yes and no	in my backyard
far across the sea	under the bed

✍ Sentences you can read:

"You can't go in there," Mark said to us.
 My brother went to that school two years ago.
 Tom got along well with his sister.