Year 5 reading comprehension: Gran’s Birthday Plan

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 2 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–2.





Gran’s Birthday Plan

Dear Mia,

Next Sunday is Gran’s eightieth birthday, and I am writing to ask for your help.

Your uncle Sam is flying in from Perth on Friday, and your cousins Joel and Ana will come with him.

Joel is thirteen, which is three years older than Ana.

Gran thinks that we are only having a quiet lunch at one o’clock.

In truth, we will gather in the park across the road from her flat, and everyone will hide behind the old fig tree.

At half past twelve, you must take Gran for a slow walk past the tree, and you must not tell her why.

I am counting on you to keep a straight face, because Gran can spot a fib from a mile away.

Your cousin Ana is baking the cake, and it will have eighty candles.

Thank you, Mia. You are a star.

Love, Mum

1. Why is the writer worried about Mia keeping a straight face?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The cake has eighty candles.

○ **B** Gran can easily tell when someone is not honest.

○ **C** Mia laughs at every joke.

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2. How is Sam related to Mia?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** He is her cousin. ○ **B** He is her uncle. ○ **C** He is her brother.

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Answer key

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1. B — Gran can easily tell when someone is not honest.

The text says: “I am counting on you to keep a straight face, because Gran can spot a fib from a mile away.” The words because and so point to the reason.

2. B — He is her uncle.

The text says: “Your uncle Sam is flying in from Perth on Friday, and your cousins Joel and Ana will come with him.” Read the whole sentence, not only the key word.