

Meet My Grandma



Level:

Beginner—Intermediate, can be adapted for higher levels



Objectives:

This reading exercise will help the student to practice vocabulary and comprehension.



Timing

5-15 minutes, can be expanded further into a variety of approaches.



Prep/

Materials:

- Prepare a reading exercise before class, see attachment for example.
- Identify specific vocabulary words from the reading exercise



Breakdown:

1. Together with the student, discuss different family members, how they are each different, the various relationships between people, etc.
2. Review vocabulary list to prepare the student for the reading material
3. Review the comprehension questions before reading the text
4. Give the reading exercise to the student, based on their level they can read out loud or independently.
5. Have the student answer the comprehension questions. Based on their level, they could:
 - Answer the questions while reading the text for the 2nd time
 - Answer the questions without looking back at the source material
 - Be asked the questions out-loud, by the trainer, and answer them in a conversational manner.

Expand the Activity:

- Write a similar piece about their mother, father, spouse, child, boss, etc.
- Compare and contrast two family members from different generations
- Read about a celebrity instead of family, if your student tends to be private

My Grandma!

This is my grandma. Her name is Grandma Shirley.

She is 90 years old.

She is retired and she lives in a nursing home.



My grandma is tall and she does not look like she is 90 years old. She does not dress like a “typical” grandmother. She likes to wear very fashionable clothes and she likes to wear pretty shoes.

Grandma lives 1 mile away from our house. We like to visit Grandma on Friday evenings. We like to make dinner for Grandma and she likes to bake. Grandma always has a special dessert prepared for us after our Friday night dinner. Her favorite dessert to make for us is called a Chocolate Éclair.

Grandma likes pets but does not have any pets. Grandma likes to look out of her window and watch the ducks in the pond. In the springtime, she gets very excited because the momma ducks walk around the pond with the baby ducklings. She watches the baby ducks grow all summer long. In the fall, she sees the ducks fly away and looks forward to the ducks returning in the spring time.

My Grandma is very nice and enjoys our visits. She likes to play bingo with me but she does not like to play chess. I especially like to visit my grandma because she likes to give me hugs. She is an excellent grandma.

My grandma is 95 years old	T/F
My grandma is tall	T/F
My grandma does not like to bake	T/F
My grandma likes to watch ducks	T/F

Who is this story about?
How does grandma like to dress?
Where does grandma live?
Does grandma have any pets?

Grandma likes: _____

Grandma does not like: _____