

Teacher Notes: Harry Helps Grandpa Remember

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Age Level: 4 – 8 years Word Count: 422 words plus 120 words in the teacher's notes.

Discussion Ideas

Knowledge and Literal Understanding

- We all forget things sometimes.
- As people grow old, they begin to change. They may lose some of their memory.
- In what order are the characters introduced in the story?
- Where are the scenes set in *Harry Helps Grandpa Remember*?
- What games did Harry and Grandpa play?

Inferential and Critical Thinking

- Why does Harry and Grandpa feel so sad?
- How does the author and illustrator show Harry's and Grandpa's feelings?
- How are the characters related to each other?
- How does Harry help Grandpa remember?
- What can you do to boost your memory and keep your brain healthy?
- How can people with memory loss improve their memory and coping skills?
- How can you help your grandparents remember?

Literacy Skills

Word Building

- Word Endings – adding 'ed': *trudged, hugged, looked, flipped, played, whispered, tapped, gobbled, remembered, confused, loved, lived.*
- Adding ING: *chuckling, swimming, wedding, getting.*
- Vocabulary *places* : *farm, swimming hole, school classroom, kitchen, lounge-room*
- Emotion Words : *happily, grumbled, trudged, sad, smile, laughed,*
- Interest Words – games – *hide-and-seek, follow-the-leader, musical chairs.*
- High Frequency Words – *thought, remember, laugh, said, played.*
- Onomatopoeia – *splish, splash, gobbled, grumbled, whisper, twinkle,* (see Drama)

Grammar

- Naming Words – nouns – find the naming words in the story.
- Action Words – verbs – (see also Word Endings and Drama)

Comprehension

- Sequence order of events – cut and paste sentences. Activity sheet
- List how Harry help Grandpa remember? Activity sheet
- List how you can boost your memory power? Activity sheet
- How did Harry & Grandpa find their smile? Activity sheet

Writing

- Have you ever forgotten something? What did you do to help remember it next time? Write about it.
- What is a recipe? List the ingredients of a cake?
- Acrostic Poem – REMEMBER

Literature

- Read non-fiction texts about memory and memory loss.
- Compare other fiction texts on grandparents and memory loss. eg. Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge

Cross Curricular

Social Skills

- Discuss how you can be kind to others
- **Group activity:** Children sit in a circle. One child (child 1) starts by saying "If I was feeling sad". The child next to them (child 2) offers a solution "you could ask someone for a hug". Then child 2 turns to the next child (child 3) in the circle and says "if I got lost." and child 3 offers a solution, and so on around the circle. This activity is fun and also generates options that children in the group may not have thought of.

Maths

- Dot to Dot – numbers 1 to 70 activity sheet
- Sequencing story pictures from 1 to 9. Ordinals: What comes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th ... 9th?
- Sequencing key story events. What comes first, second, third, fourth, fifth ... ninth?

Science

- Farm Animals- Brainstorm animals who live on a farm. What do they eat? What sound do they make? How do they move? How do you care for them?

Craft

- Make stick puppets from the Harry story by cutting and pasting onto paddle-pop sticks. Activity sheets

Art

- Illustrate a scene from the text or from the story as outlined in *Writing*.
- Colour-in Harry sheets using bright colours. Activity sheets

Drama

Pretend you are...

- Lost in a strange place. How can you find your way out?
- Swimming, splashing or relaxing in a swimming hole
- Playing hide-and-seek
- Playing follow-the leader- conga line style

Present a Harry Helps Grandpa Remember PLAY

- Act out the Harry story using stick puppets with your friends
- Act out the play with characters wearing costumes: Harry, Max, Grandpa, Nan, Mum, Dad and Teacher

Show range of emotions using facial expressions and hand gestures ...

Sad, happy, angry, scared, excited, tired, guilty, proud, nervous, caring, aha moment

Name _____

How can you boost your Memory Power? ... Find 7 ways



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Name _____

How did Harry help Grandpa Remember? ... Find 7 ways



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Name _____

How did Harry and Grandpa find their smile again?

Colour Harry and Grandpa with bright happy colours.

