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Grandma's Surprise Performance

It was Grandparents Day at Willow Creek Elementary, and all the students were buzzing with excitement. The cafeteria had been decorated with streamers, cupcakes, and about ten thousand paper hearts.

Maya had invited her Grandma Dot, who was famous in their family for two things: wearing sparkly sneakers and always having candy in her purse.

The program started off normally. Some students read poems, others played instruments. Then, without warning, Grandma Dot stood up, cleared her throat, and announced, "I would now like to perform an interpretive dance about raising three children without Wi-Fi."

Before Maya could stop her, Grandma Dot twirled down the aisle wearing a scarf like a cape and danced around the lunch tables. She even did the robot at one point. The audience clapped. Maya hid under her chair.

After the performance, someone gave Grandma Dot a cupcake and a paper heart that said "You're a star!" She taped it to her sparkly sneakers and said, "That's going on the fridge!"

Later, Maya whispered, "Grandma, why did you do that?"

Grandma Dot smiled and said, "Because Grandparents Day is for making memories... and a little bit of embarrassment builds character."

Answer the questions below.

- 1. What two things is Grandma Dot known for in Maya's family?
- a) Baking cookies and playing guitar
- b) Painting and gardening
- c) Loud singing and big sunglasses
- d) Candy in her purse and sparkly sneakers
- 2. Why did Maya hide under her chair?
- a) She dropped her cupcake

- b) She was laughing too hard
- c) She was embarrassed by her grandma's dance d) She didn't want to read her poem
- 3. What kind of dance did Grandma Dot perform?
- 4. What did Grandma Dot do with the paper heart she received?
- a) Taped it to her sneakers
- b) Gave it to Maya

c) Threw it away

- d) Ate it by accident
- 5. What lesson does Grandma Dot teach Maya at the end of the story?
- a) Never trust cafeteria cupcakes
- b) Embarrassment can build character
- c) Don't bring grandparents to school
- d) Always stay in your seat during assemblies

