

# Answers for PRIMARY DIVISION Language Test, Part 1

## Reading 1

### A Gift for Grandfather

1. Read this sentence from the text:

*We still went to grandparents Koster for Sunday dinner, but instead of heading for the family room for music, all the adults stayed in the kitchen and talked about whatever adults talk about.*

In the sentence, “We” refers to the author, the author’s sister, and the author’s parents

2. In the story “A Gift for Grandfather,” who plays the piano?

both grandfather and the author

3. Describe the setting for the story “A Gift for Grandfather”. Use information from the text and your own ideas in your answer.

**Parents:** *Your child’s answer about the “setting” of the story should describe both the place and the time during which the story takes place.*

*The setting for most of the story is the home of the author’s grandparents. It has a kitchen and a family room and a computer room. There is a piano in the family room, and several members of the family play different musical instruments.*

*The story takes place over a period of several months, during which grandfather has a serious illness, the author’s older sister leaves home and goes to university, and the author learns to play the piano.*

4. According to the text, at what time does the family enjoy music? after supper

5. Which sentence best describes how grandfather feels at the end of the story?

He is happy.

6. Read this sentence from the text: “That was the best birthday present I’ve ever received.” Why does the writer use quotation marks? to show what grandfather is saying

7. How does the author feel about music? Use information from the text and your own ideas in your answer.

**Here’s Dr. Don’s answer:** *At the beginning of the story, the author says he likes music, but there are other things he likes to do, so he leaves the family room when all the members of his family start to play instruments and sing.*

*I think he likes different music than they like to play. But after his grandfather becomes ill, the author learns to play the piano (which his grandfather used to play) and takes his grandfather’s place when the family makes music. His grandfather is very happy.*

