

Introduce yourself. Talk about a friend you have. What makes you like them. What do you have “in common” with them? What kinds of things do you do together? Is your best friend the same sex as you? Is it easier to be good friends with someone of the same sex?

More Easy Stories Plus Lesson 5: WORRIED ABOUT HER GRANDMOTHER

Myra lives with her grandmother, Dot. Dot is 85 years old. Myra loves her very much. Dot is in very good condition for her age.

One morning Dot walks into the kitchen. "I couldn't get to sleep last night," she says. "A crazy woman was dancing on the neighbor's roof."

"Really?" asks Myra. Myra thinks her grandmother's comment is very strange. After all, some elderly people have dementia. They can't concentrate. They can't remember things. They feel confused. Sometimes they see and hear things that are not really there. Myra thinks her grandmother saw something that wasn't there. She feels very worried about her grandmother.

Myra takes Dot to the doctor. The doctor orders several tests for Dot. She has an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scan of her brain. She has some laboratory tests. The doctor does an evaluation. He checks her memory, language, and other things.

Soon, Myra learns that the test results are good. The doctor doesn't think Dot has dementia. Sometimes Dot still talks about the crazy woman dancing on the roof. But Myra tries not to worry about it.

One day, Myra and Dot are outside. Their neighbor, Mrs. Long is picking up her newspaper. "Hello!" says Mrs. Long. "I hope I'm not keeping you awake at night. I'm taking a dance class. And since it's so hot in the house, I practice dancing every night on the roof."

1. Myra lives with her _____ who is _____ years old.
2. Why couldn't Dot get to sleep?
3. Why does Myra take Dot to the doctor?
4. What do the tests show?
5. What does Mrs. Long say?
6. How do you think Myra felt after hearing Mrs. Long?
7. Describe your relationship to your family and your wife's family.

Sally: You seem to get along well with your wife's family as well as your own. What is your secret?

Tim: Sally, this is my favorite quote. It explains how I get along so well with our two families. "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

Sally: Are you kidding, Tim? It seems like you are very close to your family. But this quote makes it sound like you don't like them?

Tim: That's not true. I am very close to my family and my wife's family. That doesn't mean we see them all the time. None of my family lives closer than a three hour's drive away, so we don't see them more than once a month. We are always thrilled when they visit and after a few days, we are happy to see them go. I don't think we would get along as well if they were around all the time. A little distance is very helpful in relationships.

Explain Tim's secret. What do you think of his reply? What kind of relationship do you have with your family? Would you like to live closer or farther away from your family? How are family relationships different here than in your country?

Pronunciation: Pronounce these multiple syllable words. Pay attention to which syllable is stressed.

laboratory	condition	dementia	language
concentrate	image	magnetic	grandmother
remember	evaluation	results	comment

Put one of the words in the table in the blank.

1. The opposite of forget is _____.
2. If the doctor runs tests on you, he/she will tell you the _____ of the tests.
3. When someone says something, they make a _____.
4. If a magnet is attracted to it, it is _____.
5. The mother of your mother or father is your _____.
6. A test is a kind of _____.
7. An _____ is a picture.
8. _____ is a condition many old people have that makes them forget things.
9. If you focus your thinking on something, you _____ on it.
10. A _____ is a place where scientific tests are done.