

GRANDMA FORGETS

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			✓	✓	✓	✓				

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	✓
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	✓
Visualising	

Grandma Forgets is written by Paul Russell and has gorgeous illustrations created by Nicky Johnston. This story follows a young girl's experiences spending time with her precious grandma, who -although it's never directly stated- has dementia. It's a lovely story about the importance of memories and spending time with the ones you love- even if they're changing over time.

Writing

IDEAS: This is another great example of an idea for writing that was most likely sparked by something in the writer's real life. **ORGANISATION:** The text is written in a logical chronological order. It is easy for the reader to follow. Look for sequence and transition words and use of tense to help guide the reader and let them know when the action is taking place (now or in the past): every time we meet, we remember, now, sometimes she, every time I see. **WORD CHOICE:** This is a great text for looking at noun groups (sausages the size of elephant legs, Sunday lunch, sky-blue car, baking apples in the winter, big old house).

Reading

MAKING CONNECTIONS: What connections can you make to this text? Do you have a forgetful person in your life? Or maybe someone who has changed over time? Do you have any grandparents or significant elders in your life? What memories do you have with them?

QUESTIONING: This book would be a great launching pad for discussions around dementia (a syndrome that is on the rise around the world). Do you know anyone with dementia? What might be some of the challenges of having a loved one lose their memory in the same way Grandma does in the story? Is this a sad story or an uplifting one? What makes you think that?