

Grandpa Bert and the Ghost Snatchers

By Malorie Blackman

Monday - Read pages 1 - 3

1. Look at the Contents page and read the titles of each of the chapters. Which chapter are you most looking forward to reading and why?

2. Name the two children in the story. (page 1)

3. Find and copy two reasons why they thought Grandma Gertie was odd. (pages 1 - 2)

4. What does **gleamed** mean? (page 2)

5. How did Grandma Gertie travel to visit her family? (page 2)

True or False Task



Using information from the text put a tick in the correct box to show whether the statement is true or false

	True	False
Grandma had a pet poodle in her bag		
Grandma had four cups of tea and four buns on the flight		
Dad is Grandma Gertie's son		
Anna wanted to sit close to her Grandma		

Predicting

Then, without warning – PLOEUFF! BLOOP! BLOOOP! BLOOOOP!
What do you think this noise is? What will happen next?

Challenge: This story is written by Malorie Blackman. Carry out research to find three facts about the author:

					
Code	Clue	Locate	Explore	Answer	Re-read to check

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Tuesday - Read pages 4 - 8



1. Why did Dad groan? (page 4)

2. Find and copy two words that mean looked. (page 4)

3. What did Jasper want to do? (page 5)

4. Find and copy a word that shows Grandma is in a hurry (page 6)

5. Look at the illustration on page 7.

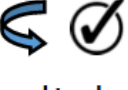
Complete the table below to show how each of the characters are feeling and why?



Character	Feelings	Why? How do we know?
E.g: Dad	Annoyed	He's been left on his own to fix the car.
Grandma		
Anna and Kasper		

6. "We'll have to be quick" Why does Grandma say this? (page 8)

7. Explain what an **alley** is. (page 8)

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Wednesday - Read pages 9 - 15



1. What is a duppy? (page 8 -9)

2. Which country is Grandma visiting from? (page 9)

3. Why do you think Kasper 'took a hasty step away'? (page 9)



4. Find and copy and word that means crazy (page 10)

5. The children were shocked. Tick all the clues that tell us this: (page 10)

She clicked the clasp of her handbag

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Kasper moved in for a closer look

☐

Kasper gasped

☐

Anna's mouth fell wide open!

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6. What did they see in the handbag? (page 10)

7. Why do you think this is the title of Chapter 2?



8. Why did Grandpa Bert want to travel to England with Grandma Gertie now? (page 15)

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Thursday - Read pages 16 - 19



1. Why couldn't Grandma Gertie buy Grandpa Bert a plane ticket? (page 16)

2. What is an *odd-bod*? (page 16)

3. Explain why Anna and Kasper 'crossed their fingers firmly behind their backs' (page 17)

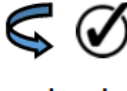


4. What is the name of Grandma Gertie's parrot? (page 18)

5. Why do you think Anna thought she might be dreaming? (page 19)

6. Pages 16 - 19

True or False Task			
Using information from the text put a tick in the correct box to show whether the statement is true or false			
	True	False	
Grandma wears small round glasses			
Anna and Kasper think Grandma is odd			
Anna is dreaming			
Grandpa Bert is safe inside the handbag			
<u>Inferring</u> Grandma Gertie believes she is being followed. Why would someone want to follow her? Does she have something that someone else would like?			

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Friday - Read pages 20 - 24



1. a) What does Grandma think the machines at the airport were able to **detect**? (page 20)

b) Clarify the word **detect**:

2. Why can't Grandpa Bert travel with Gertie? (page 21)

3. If you had to hide a ghost, where would you hide them and why?

4. 'She hopped from foot to foot' (page 22)

What do you think this shows about how Grandma is feeling when they hear the footsteps?

5.

Vocabulary Check	
Draw lines to match each word or phrase to its meaning.	
vanished	say no to something
genie	a mythical character often trapped in a lamp
protested	disappear suddenly and completely

6. Read the last paragraph of Chapter 2 (page 24). Summarise what is happening and how Anna might be feeling.

Anna looked around. There was nothing behind them but a brick wall. There was nothing in front of them. In fact, there was no way out apart from towards the street, towards the footsteps ...

