

Answers to 'Dear Grandpa' questions.

When does Andy finish school? **In three weeks time**

'You and Grandma are the greatest grandparents in the world and I love spending quality time with you.' Why does Andy say this? **He is trying to persuade them to take him to Spain.**

What type of text is this? **Letter writing**

Identify 3 features of the text which suggests it is written in an informal style. **Use of Dear and first name, signed off with love, very personal points discussed, use of contracted words, casual, chatty language, use of kisses**

Why did Andy actually write the letter? **To say thank you for his book**

'George, Jonnie (that boy you don't like) and Jamie.' What is the purpose of the brackets? **They add extra information to a sentence.**

Who do you think is Andy's best friend? **Sam, because he is upset they aren't going to the same school, we know he is going to miss him and he feels safe around him.**

Identify 3 things that Andy is looking forward to about his new school. **The science labs, Bunsen burners, Mrs Robinson, that some of his friends are in his tutor group, the vending machine, the canteen and playing football on the pitch**

Who doesn't Grandpa like and why? **Grandpa doesn't like Jonnie, he thinks he's a bit of a scoundrel who is most likely to get detention first.**

What does his new school uniform consist of? **A tie, blazer and smart shoes (no trainers)**

Why do you think Mum might 'blub' at the Leavers' Concert? **He has been at the school a long time, so it is the end of an era for both of them. She can see that he is growing up and she is probably very proud of what he has achieved so far.**

What were Grandpa's reasons for not letting Andy go to Spain with them? **He knew Andy would be bored because they would be doing lots of reading and napping.**

What did you think Grandpa meant when he said that '...humans are very complex creatures...'? **Complex means complicated, so he understands that nobody is completely good or bad, we are all capable of doing kind or mean deeds for a variety of reasons.**

Do you think that Andy and his Grandpa have a good relationship and why? **Yes, because Andy feels that he can confide in his Grandpa, and tell him things he is worried about. Grandpa is obviously very proud of his grandson, and attempts to support him. They also enjoy spending time together because they are arranging future visits.**

Do you think that Grandpa's response has helped Andy feel better or worse about starting a new school? **Answers should recognise that it is Grandpa's intention to make Andy feel better, by squashing rumours, reminding him of how lovely he is and by highlighting the positives of starting a new school e.g. new subjects and friends.**

Add commas to the sentences below to help separate the relative clause.

1. The clouds, which were white and fluffy, floated through the sky.
2. The singer, who had lost his voice, had to cancel the show.
3. The dragon, which was scaly and ferocious, stomped through the village.
4. Sam, a young boy of five, was excited about starting school.
5. The mouse, who was trying to escape from the cat, raced through the hole in the fence.
6. The lady, who was old and fragile, tried to cross the road.