

**Grade – 4**

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**A. Comprehension - Read this passage and answer the questions below.**

An old woman once decided to spend the rest of her life living with her son, daughter-in-law and their five-year-old son. The woman had grown weak with age. Her hands had started to tremble and her step faltered. Her eyesight was also failing. Her son and daughter-in-law gave her a room where she could spend most of her time.

Since the elderly grandmother suffered from failing health, she would often knock down her chair or her stool. When she ate, her water would often spill on the ground. Food would fall off her spoon and she even broke a bowl or two.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with her way of living. "We have had enough of the mess on the floor and broken dishes. We cannot sleep well at night because of all the noise coming from her room. We must do something," said the son.

So the poor old woman's son and daughter-in-law decided to move her to the shed that had once housed their pets. They decided to serve her food in wooden dishes. Her room would be cleaned once a month since it was going to be too much work for them to clean every day or every week.

The old woman resigned to the reality of her new home and started living her lonely life in the shed. She would spend hours staring out the window, in the hope that her son and daughter-in-law would stop by and spend a few moments with her. She would shed a few tears and then go to sleep.

One evening before dinner, the father noticed his son drawing the picture of a house. He noticed an external section of the house that read, "Mom and Dad's house". The father asked the child politely, "What are you making?" Just as politely, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little shed for you and mama to live in when I grow up." The five-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words struck the parents so much that they were speechless. Tears started to stream down their cheeks. They knew instantly what they had to do.

That evening the husband took grandmother's hand and gently led her back to her room in the house. For the remainder of her days, she had the company of her son and his family in her room. For some reason, neither her son nor her daughter-in-law seemed to care any longer when water was spilled, the floor soiled or her chair knocked over.

1. Describe the physical state of the old woman.

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2. Give a title to this story? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why was the woman moved to the shed?

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4. Why was the little boy drawing the picture of a house?

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5. What is the message that you get from this story?

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**B. Vocabulary- Find words in the passage that mean the following. Write sentences with those words.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [Para 1]: To stumble

2. *Sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ [Para 5]: To reconcile

4. *Sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ [Para 6]: Incapable of speaking

6. *Sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ [Para 6]: Outer part

8. *Sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Find words in the passage that have these two meanings.**

9. \_\_\_\_\_ : [Para-6]

- a) Make a piece of art                      b) Move close to someone or something

10. \_\_\_\_\_ : [Para-6]

- a) A small river                              b) Flow

11. \_\_\_\_\_ : [Para-2]

- a) Make a pounding noise                  b) Strike with a hard blow

12. \_\_\_\_\_ : [Para-6]

- a) A piece of art                              b) To imagine

13. \_\_\_\_\_ : [Para-7]

- a) A guest or guests                        b) A business enterprise