

What a Grandmother Is  
*An essay by an eight year old*

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls and boys. A grandfather is a man grand-mother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and tractors. Grandmothers don't have to do anything but be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. They should never say 'hurry up'.

Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie children's shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear, and they can take their teeth and gums off. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why dogs hate cats and why God isn't married.

They don't talk baby talk like visitors. When they read to us, they don't skip bits, or mind if it is the same story over again.

Everybody should have one, especially if you don't have television, because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have the time.