

National Institute of Open Schooling
Senior Secondary Course: English
Lesson 6: My Grandmother's House
Worksheet – 6

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The house withdrew into silence, snakes moved
Among books, I was then too young
To read, and my blood turned cold like the moon

- a) Do you think the poet is young or old at the time of writing this poem?
 - b) What makes you think that the house is now lonely?
 - c) Write down the simile that you can spot in the last line.
2. Do you think similes help in highlighting a particular quality or feature of something? Sometimes, it can startle you also because of the comparison drawn as in 'cold like the moon'. Write down two pleasant similes that you can think of for the moon.
- i) _____
 - ii) _____
3. Mention two things that your grandparents do/did for you that you absolutely love/loved:
- i) _____
 - ii) _____
4. Have you ever seen a lonely house? If not, can you imagine one?
Now, think of any two possible reasons why the house could be so. Write about it in 3-4 lines.
5. Is it easy for you to imagine your grandparents as young children? Why/ why not?
Give two reasons to support what you feel.
- i) _____
 - ii) _____
6. How can we be nice towards the elderly? Write two ways in which you can be of help to them.
- i) _____
 - ii) _____
7. We all should feel blessed and grateful for all the love and affection we receive from our close ones. However, sometimes, we feel sad and unloved. Write two things that make you feel so:
- i) _____
 - ii) _____

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8. We all realise that though we will feel low sometimes, we must deal with it in a positive manner. How do you cheer yourself up when you feel low? Write two ways that you might share with friends to help them deal with their not-so-happy moments,
- i) _____
- ii) _____
9. All of us have people in our lives that we hold very dear; our parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins, friends etc. Have you ever thought about why they are so important to us? Write 3-4 lines about a person you really hold very dear in your life.
10. Have you ever heard your grandparents/parents talk about their childhood homes/neighborhood/friends? What do they talk about? Don't be surprised to find mention of what you see in the pictures below! Write about what they recall in about 3-5 lines.

