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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. 'Granny Mildred walked gingerly along the aisle.' In this sentence, what do you think 'gingerly' means?
Accept answers which compare gingerly to nervously, hesitantly, feeling uncertain or in a frightened way.



2. How old is Granny Mildred?
Accept '82' or 'eighty-two'.



3. Find and copy two phrases which show that Granny Mildred was nervous.
Accept any two of the following: 'walked gingerly', 'wasn't really enjoying her first experience', 'they can't possibly be safe', 'she protested', 'George reassured her'.



4. Who do you think the 'smartly dressed lady' was? Explain your answer.
Accept answers which infer that it was the airhostess, provided that a relevant explanation is given, such as 'because they wear a smart uniform' or 'because she brought refreshments and that is part of their job'.