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▶ In only two days I'll meet my
Granny for the first time!



- Granny lives far away on a most beautiful island. It takes a long time to get there.



Then we ride a bus for many miles. I feel sleepy but quite happy. I try to picture my Granny.



- ▶ We hike up to see Granny.
- ▶ She is in front of the house.
- ▶ She has a wide smile.



Granny and I work side by side.
The chicks eat from a pile of
corn. There are five young
chicks!



🔊 We hike over a hill to find apples. I bite into a ripe apple. Granny and I sit side by side.



🔊 We cook side by side.
Granny says, “For a good soup,
you have to add good food.”



- ▶ At mealtime, we sit side by side.
- ▶ We listen to the chimes while we eat soup and rice.



It's time to walk to town.
We go side by side. Some kites
spin and turn in the sun.








- ▶ Young kids ride their bikes.
- ▶ Granny and Mama stand side by side. They make a nice picture.



- ▶ I ask Granny, “Why do you live far away?”
- ▶ “Because my life is here,” she says. “But you are in my life forever!”

Think and Respond

-  **1** Whom is the little girl going to visit?
-  **2** How does she feel about her visit?
-  **3** Why is she so excited?
-  **4** How is life where Granny lives different from life where the little girl lives?
-  **5** Why do you think it would be fun to visit faraway relatives?



Use a Map Use a world or U.S. map to locate where you live. If you have relatives who live far away, find their town or city on the map.



School-Home Connection With a family member, talk about a relative who lives far away. Use a map to locate the place where they live.

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