

Read the passage “Way to Go, Grandma” before answering Numbers 1 through 5.

## Way to Go, Grandma

“Jamal, how do you think your sister Kellyn is doing in college?” Grandma asked me. “And how about your brother Michael’s new baby, little Jayden, way out there in Oklahoma? I hope he’s over his cold by now.”

“Grandma,” I said, “let me show you how to send emails so you won’t have to guess how they’re doing. If Kellyn got an email from you, she’d be so amazed that she’d reply to you in seconds, and besides, I think Michael’s wife would love to email you every time Jayden coughs!”

Grandma smiled at the thought and then said, “You’ve been offering to teach me how to use that computer for a long time, Jamal, and I do appreciate it.” Sighing, she shook her head in confusion and bewilderment. “Unfortunately, I think technology has passed me by, even though it does take so long for them to answer my letters.”

“Why don’t I send Kellyn an email now,” I suggested, “and you can tell me what to say?”

Grandma’s face lit up, her hesitation and doubts gone. She knew she could do this, and she was ready now! She pulled me over to the computer and pushed me down in the chair. “If you insist,” she said eagerly.

I opened my email account and typed the first letters of Kellyn’s address. The whole address immediately appeared in the “to” box. My grandmother was amazed, and asked, “How did the computer know we were going to write to Kellyn?”

Grinning, I said, “Just lucky, I guess.”

Grandma rolled her eyes and started telling me what she wanted to say to Kellyn. As I typed, I purposely made mistakes, and soon Grandma was so frustrated with me that she said, “Oh, get up and let me sit down. I can type better than that!”



"Well, okay," I said, trying to hide my cleverness. My quick thinking even surprised me, as it wasn't often that I outwitted Grandma! I gave her my seat, and with no help or assistance from me, she typed a long email to Kellyn. When she was finished, I pointed out the send button, and she clicked on it.

Smiling from ear to ear, Grandma asked, "Do you think Kellyn will be surprised when she gets my email?"

"I think she will probably faint," I replied honestly.

Then Grandma looked longingly at the computer and asked, "Do you think we can find out how little Jayden is doing today? Sending an email to Jayden's mom would really be the icing on the cake." Without waiting for my answer, Grandma positioned her fingers over the keyboard. "Just tell me the first letters of Michael's email, and the computer will do the rest!"

So I told her, and she started typing. I left to find the book I had been reading, but a few minutes later, Grandma called me back to the computer.

"The computer was dinging," she said with a frown. "Did I do something wrong?"

I glanced at the screen. "You got a reply from Kellyn, so I guess she didn't faint for long!"

Grandma poked me in the ribs with her elbow and demanded, "Show me how to get to her email, young man, and hurry!"

Now answer Numbers 1 through 5. Base your answers on “Way to Go, Grandma.”

- 1 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A:** Read the sentences from the passage.

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Which word means **almost the same** as hesitation?

- (A) calm
- (B) joy
- (C) uncertainty
- (D) unhappiness

**Part B:** Which word from the sentence is a synonym for hesitation?

- (A) face
- (B) doubts
- (C) gone
- (D) now

- 2 Read the sentences from the passage.

She pulled me over to the computer and pushed me down in the chair. “If you insist,” she said eagerly.

What conclusion can you make about Grandma based on these sentences?

- (A) She is sending an email only to please Jamal.
- (B) She is pretending to be eager to send an email.
- (C) She is pretending that Jamal is making her send an email.
- (D) She does not want Jamal to know she is excited to send an email.

**3** Why does Jamal purposely make mistakes as he types? Pick **two** choices.

- (A)** to help his grandmother solve her problem
- (B)** to learn how to send an email to a friend
- (C)** to get his grandmother to type the email
- (D)** to show how easy it is to send emails
- (E)** to send an email to his sister Kellyn
- (F)** to annoy his grandmother

**4** Read the sentences from the passage.

“Well, okay,” I said, trying to hide my cleverness. My quick thinking even surprised me, as it wasn’t often that I outwitted Grandma!

Which word from the sentences gives a clue about the meaning of the word outwitted?

- (A)** hide
- (B)** cleverness
- (C)** surprised
- (D)** often

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- 5** Draw a line to match each part of the story on the left with Jamal's point of view about his grandmother on the right.

**Part of Story**

**Jamal's Point of View**

Beginning

playful and joking

Middle

serious and helpful

End

proud and happy