

Grandpa Farouk's Garden



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Grandpa Farouk's garden was Amir's favourite place. Amir loved the fruits, the leaves, the flowers and the trees there. He also loved spending time with Grandpa. They worked together in the garden every week. When they finished, they enjoyed the fresh fruits from the garden.

One day, Grandpa was very quiet. He worked in the garden without saying a word. They plucked fresh fruits but Grandpa didn't eat any.

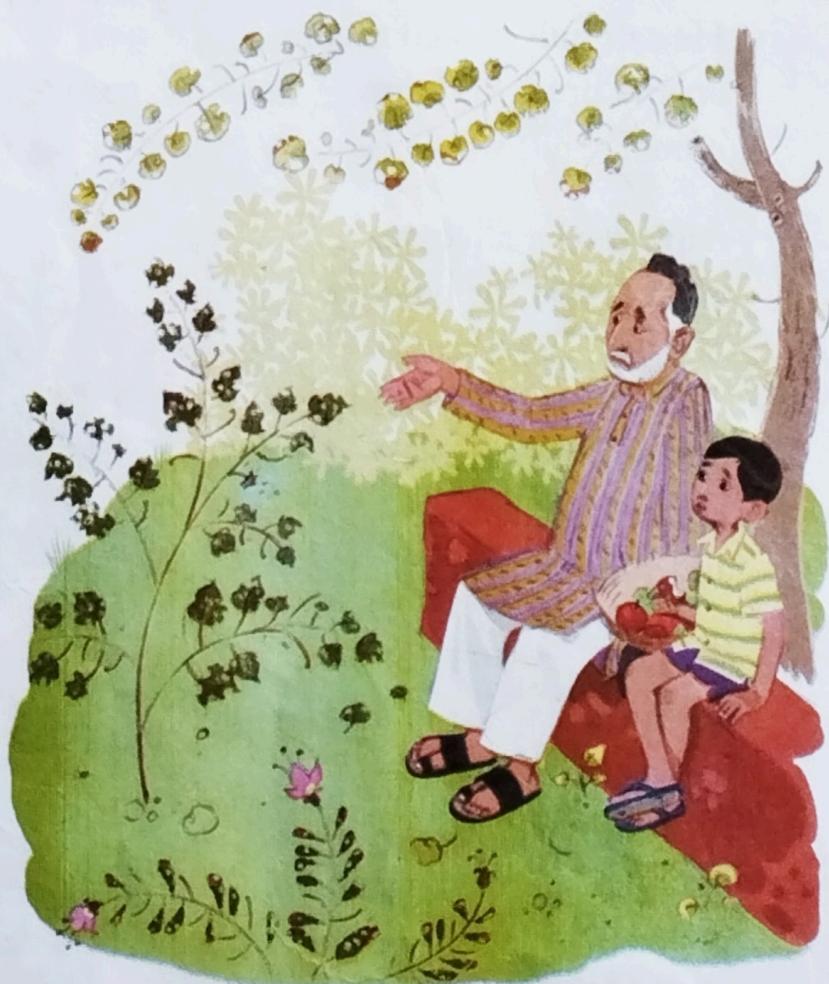
"What's wrong, Grandpa?" asked Amir.

"My garden is dying, Amir," replied Grandpa.

"Why do you think so?" asked Amir.

"Look closely," said Grandpa.
"Some pests are eating the plants."

Amir looked at the leaves of the plant nearby. Half the leaves had been chewed off.



New Words

- plucked: picked fruits from where they were growing
- my garden is dying: all the flowers and plants in the garden are dying (drying up, and becoming smaller and weaker)
- closely: carefully—with a lot of attention
- pests: insects or animals that eat plants
- chewed off: bitten off (parts of leaves)



"Can't we do something to stop this?" asked Amir.

"We need ladybirds," said Grandpa. "They are very useful bugs. They can eat these pests and save my garden. But where will I find them?"

"Don't worry, Grandpa. I'll bring you a bug or two," said Amir.

Amir went home, and began to look for ladybirds everywhere. On the second day, he found two ladybirds while walking home from school. They were in the grass growing by the side of the road.

He carefully picked them up and brought them home.)

Amir put small leaves and twigs at the bottom of a big plastic box.

Then, he gently placed the ladybirds inside. He kept some food and water for them in the box.

The next day, Amir looked for the bugs around the football field.

He found three of them sitting on one leaf! "Come with me, little ladybirds. We have to help Grandpa!" he said, carefully picking them up.



New Words

- ladybirds: small, round insects which are red or orange with black spots
- bugs: small insects ‣ twigs: small and thin branches of a tree



Two days later, Amir found four more at the park. He picked them up and ran home! Now his box had nine ladybirds.

The next morning, Amir went straight to Grandpa Farouk's house. With a big smile on his face, he showed Grandpa the box with the ladybirds. Grandpa couldn't believe it. "You've done well, oh my boy, you've done so well," Grandpa said, with a tear in his eye.

Amir and Grandpa opened the box in the garden and let the ladybirds out. The ladybirds liked their new home. They had many pests to eat there!

From that day on, Grandpa Farouk's garden did what gardens should do. It grew and grew and grew. *Drew*

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Understanding the Story

A | Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. What did Grandpa Farouk and Amir do in the garden?
 - a. They collected ladybirds.
 - b. They watered the plants.
 - c. ✓ They worked together and ate fruits.

2. The pests in Grandpa Farouk's garden were
 - a. helping the garden grow.
 - b. eating all the plants.
 - c. eating the ladybirds in the garden.

3. "You've done well, oh my boy, you've done so well." What did Amir do?
 - a. Amir helped water the plants in the garden.
 - b. Amir collected nine pests for the garden.
 - c. Amir collected ladybirds that would eat all the pests.

B | Answer these questions.

1. What did Amir like about Grandpa Farouk's garden?

2. "My garden is dying." Why was Grandpa's garden dying?

3. What could Grandpa and Amir do to save the garden?

4. "I'll bring you a bug or two," said Amir.
 - a. Which bugs were these?
 - b. How many bugs did Amir actually bring?
 - c. What does this tell us about Amir?

5. Where did Amir find the ladybirds? How many did he find in each place?

where: _____

how many: _____

where: _____

how many: _____

where: _____

how many: _____

6. How did Amir take care of the ladybirds he had collected?



Enjoying the Story

A Amir is a kind boy. Which of these sentences from the story show this? Tick (✓) them.

- Amir and Grandpa worked together in the garden every week.
- "Don't worry, Grandpa. I'll bring you a bug or two."
- Amir gently placed the ladybirds inside.
- Amir put some food and water for them in the box.
- Amir found three ladybirds sitting on a leaf!

B Grandpa Farouk and Amir both love the garden. How do we know that? Read the story again. Underline sentences in the story that show us this.

Grammar and Usage

>>> **predicative adjectives**

Read these sentences.

- Grandpa was a happy man.
- Grandpa was happy.

For the Teacher: We know that an adjective usually comes before a noun. But it can also come after the noun and the verb. Since it takes the position of a predicate, it is called a **predicative adjective**.

A Rewrite these sentences as shown.

1. He is a tall boy. The boy is tall. _____
2. It was a long scarf. The scarf _____.
3. It is a small plant. The plant _____.
4. She is a quiet girl. _____
5. That was a funny story. _____



B | Complete the sentence with any suitable word.

1. The food at the restaurant is TASTY.
2. My friend Lekha is always HAPPY.
3. The water in the pool is COOL.
4. Your story is NICE.
5. The sand on the beach is BROWN.

Words in Use

>>> phrases from the text

Read these sentences.

- From that day on, Grandpa Farouk's garden grew and grew.
- With a big smile on his face, he showed Grandpa the box with the ladybirds.

Complete these sentences with the words in the box.

couldn't believe it (1) work together (2)
spend time (3) without saying a word (4)
do something (5)

1. Mary was shocked to hear the news.
She couldn't believe it.
2. I visit my grandmother every week.
I love to spend time with her.
3. Vishal and I are on the same team.
We work together on projects in class.
4. Shilpa did not say anything. She left without saying.
5. This kitten looks lost. We should do something about it.



Speaking

>>> talking about the picture

Here is a picture of Grandpa Farouk's garden. You are Amir in the picture.
Talk about

- ▶ five things you can see.
- ▶ three things you can hear.
- ▶ one thing you can smell.



Writing

>>> sequencing

Here is the story of Grandpa Farouk's Garden. The sentences are in the wrong order. Number the sentences correctly. Write the first sentence and the last sentence on your own.

1 Amir loved the garden

4 One day, Grandpa was upset.

2 Amir loved spending time in the garden.

5 The pests were eating his plants.

3 Grandpa and Amir worked in the garden together.

6 Only ladybirds could help the garden.

8 The ladybirds ate all the pests.

9 The garden was saved.

7 Amir collected nine ladybirds for the garden.

10 Amir and garden is

