



Splitting Time

Part 1

Teacher Reads When children, parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents live together, each generation has something to share with others. But living together is not always easy.

In May, David's mom and dad asked **Grandma** to
9 stay with them on West Street. Things went fine...
18 at least some of the time. David saw that Mom and
29 Grandma did not do all things in the same way.

39 Some of the time, Grandma made the filling for
48 dumplings. But when Mom made the filling, Grandma
56 said, "They will not taste right like that. You need to
67 add a lot of seasoning."

72 Grandma seasoned the filling her way. To David,
80 they were the best dumplings he'd had in his life.
90 He did not tell Mom that.

Part 2

Teacher Reads Life on West Street is altered, or changed, after Grandma arrives. Read on to see what happens when David is expected to share his cell phone with Grandma.

96 David and Grandma were fine until the day Mom
105 said, "Grandma's **phone** broke. But she needs a phone
114 to stay in contact with people. You will have to split
125 time with Grandma on your phone."

131 "For real, Mom?" David asked. His phone was all
140 his until Grandma came.



Part 2 continued

144 “Yes,” said Mom, and there was no way to stop it.
155 David liked to chat with his pals on his phone.
165 They sent texts with jokes. David said that he made the
176 best jokes.

Part 3

Teacher Reads Having to share the cell phone makes David feel frustrated (upset). Grandma and David will need to work out a solution.

178 When Grandma was on the phone, David had to
187 wait for her to finish. He kept checking to see when it
199 was his time to get the phone.

206 David got the phone back. “I missed a text from
216 Mike,” groaned David. He scanned the text: “Where
224 RU?” David texted back, “My bad. I left the phone
234 on my desk.” He did not tell his pals that he split his
247 phone time with Grandma.

251 Grandma and David split time with the phone for
260 a while. Then came a day when Grandma came home
270 with a phone of her own. “I got on the same plan as
283 you,” she said. David gave Grandma a big smile. It had
294 not been so bad to split time with the phone after all.
306 He was glad she came to stay.

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