

**A** How is the story told?

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**B** The story begins with a traditional

**fable** **song** **myth** **tale** .

1. Circle the correct option to complete the sentences below.

(a) Carla and her family lived in

**the city** **the countryside** **a village** **the woods**

1 mark

(b) and her Grandad lived

**in a flat** **in a town** **high up** **in the countryside** .

1 mark

(c) As her Grandad's house was

**nearby** **down the road** **far away** **in the next village**

they wrote to each other often to keep in touch.

1 mark

(d) Like his father, Carla's Dad was very good at

**carpentry** **hunting** **painting** **fishing**

1 mark

(e) and he promised to make Carla a

**bird table** **magpie** **new room** **balcony** .

1 mark

(f) Grandad sent Carla a carving of a

**large bird** **miniature house** **small magpie** **wooden fox**

which she treasured.

1 mark

2. (a) What **three** noisy things kept Carla awake at night?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

(b) What kept Grandad awake at night?

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1 mark

Look at the letters.

3. (a) Why didn't Carla like it at school?

1 mark

(b) Do you think Carla would have felt better about school when she read Grandad's reply?

Explain your answer as fully as you can.

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2 marks

4. **Find** and **copy the two** words which describe the ground in the city after it has snowed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

5. *...but I taught him to **carve** wood...*

Give the meaning of the word *carve* in this sentence.

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1 mark

6. *The woods are like a magic place, as white as the pages of a book.*

Why did Grandad compare the woods to a book?

Explain your answer as fully as you can.

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2 marks

7. What do the letters tell you about the **differences** between life in the city and life in the countryside?

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2 marks

8. *Dear Grandad,  
Why haven't you written? It's your turn to write.  
Carla*

What does this short letter tell you about how Carla was feeling?

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1 mark

9. After Grandad had been ill, he wrote:  
*I'm all right. Don't worry.*

What does this tell you about Grandad's feelings for Carla?

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1 mark

These questions are about the whole story.

10. (a) Carla and Grandad both had secrets to tell each other.  
What were they?

**Carla's secret**

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**Grandad's secret**

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2 marks

(b) Why do you think Carla and Grandad shared their secrets?  
Explain your answer as fully as you can.

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2 marks

11. (a) Join the boxes to show how the song was related to events in the story.

**three** magpies

Carla's baby brother was born

**four** magpies

Carla and grandad shared their secrets

**seven** magpies

Grandad thought of Carla

1 mark

(b) Explain how the song helps you to understand the story.

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1 mark

12. The letters made Carla and her Grandad feel close to each other, even though they lived far apart.

Explain how the letters did this.

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2 marks