

## Short Story: A Special Childhood Memory

When I was a child, I spent many summers at my grandparents' house in the countryside. Those days were filled with joy and laughter. I remember the smell of my grandmother's freshly baked bread and the sound of birds singing in the morning.

One of my favorite memories is when my grandfather taught me how to fish. We would walk to the nearby lake with our fishing rods and a basket of snacks. He would tell me stories about his own childhood as we sat by the water, waiting for a fish to bite.



One day, I caught my first fish. It was small, but I was so proud. My grandfather smiled and said, "You will remember this moment forever." And he was right. That day became one of my most **cherished** memories.

As I grew older, I visited my grandparents less often, but those summer days remained in my heart. They were a time of simple pleasures and pure happiness. Even now, whenever I see a fishing rod or hear birds singing, I am reminded of those wonderful days and my beloved grandparents.

### Comprehension Questions:

1. Where did the narrator spend their summers?
2. What activity did the narrator do with their grandfather?

3. How did the narrator feel when they caught their first fish?
4. What happened when he was older?
5. What memories come to the narrator's mind when they see a fishing rod or hear birds singing?

**Bring a Photo.** Share a photo with your teacher from the past and talk about it.

1. Choose a photo from your past that holds special memories.
2. Describe the photo: Who is in the photo? Where and when was it taken?  
What was happening in the photo?
3. Share the story behind the photo: What was the occasion? Why is it memorable to you?
4. Answer follow-up questions based on the photo: What emotions do you feel when you look at the photo? How does it connect to your childhood experiences?

**Engaging Questions:**

1. How about you, do you have a favorite childhood memory? Tell me about it.
2. Can you describe a special holiday or celebration from your childhood?
3. Do you remember a special trip or vacation you took with your family?  
Where was it? What do you remember most about that trip?
4. What traditions or customs did your family have when you were growing up?
5. What kind of house did you live in when you were growing up? Can you describe it?

6. Who in your family did you spend the most time with when you were young? What did you do together?
7. Did you have any pets when you were a child? What were they like?
8. Who was your best friend when you were a child? How did you meet her? What did you like to do together? Are you still in contact with her?
9. Did you have any hobbies or activities you enjoyed doing when you were younger?
10. Did you have a favorite game or activity to play as a child? Can you describe it to me? Who did you play it with?
11. Did you have a favorite book or story that you loved to read or hear as a child?
12. Can you share a funny or amusing story from your childhood?
13. What was a typical day like for you when you were a child?
14. Did you have a favorite teacher or subject in school? Who were they and why did you like them?
15. What was your favorite food when you were a child? Why did you like it/them? Do you still enjoy it now?
16. Can you remember a time when you felt very proud of yourself as a child?
17. Can you describe a time when you learned something important as a child?
18. Did you ever get into trouble as a child? What happened?
19. What is a sound or smell that always reminds you of your childhood?

20. What was the most unforgettable lesson you learned from your mom?

21. What was the most unforgettable lesson you learned from your dad?

22. Can you recall a particularly challenging or difficult moment from your childhood?

23. Why do you think memories are important? How do they shape who we are today?