

Short Story with Multiple Choice Questions

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 Read the story carefully, then answer the questions below.

The Hidden Room

Maya had explored every corner of her grandmother's old house—or so she thought. On a rainy Saturday afternoon, while searching the dusty attic for her grandmother's photo albums, she noticed something peculiar. Behind a tall wooden bookshelf, a faint line of light seeped through a crack in the wall.

Curiosity sparked within her. Maya pushed against the bookshelf with all her strength. It groaned and shifted slightly, revealing a narrow doorway she had never seen before. Her heart raced as she squeezed through the gap.

Inside was a small room, untouched for decades. Cobwebs hung from the ceiling like delicate curtains, and a single window allowed dusty sunbeams to illuminate the space. In the centre sat an old oak desk covered with yellowed papers, ink bottles, and a leather-bound journal.

Maya carefully opened the journal. The first page read: "The Adventures of Eleanor Chen, 1952." Her eyes widened—Eleanor was her grandmother's name! As she turned the fragile pages, she discovered stories of her grandmother's childhood: climbing trees, building secret hideouts, and dreaming of becoming an explorer.

"Maya? Where are you?" her grandmother's voice called from downstairs.

Maya clutched the journal and hurried out of the hidden room. She couldn't wait to share her discovery and learn more about the adventurous girl her grandmother once was.

1. Where did Maya find the hidden room?

- a) In the basement behind old furniture
- b) In the attic behind a bookshelf
- c) In the garden shed under the floorboards
- d) In the garage behind some boxes

2. What first made Maya notice the hidden doorway?

- a) A strange noise coming from behind the wall
- b) A map she found in an old book
- c) A faint line of light through a crack
- d) Her grandmother told her about it

3. What year was written in the journal?

- a) 1942
- b) 1952
- c) 1962
- d) 1972

4. The word "peculiar" in the second paragraph most closely means:

- a) Frightening
- b) Usual
- c) Unusual or strange
- d) Beautiful

5. What did Maya discover about her grandmother from the journal?

- a) She was a famous writer
- b) She was adventurous and dreamed of being an explorer
- c) She never left the house as a child
- d) She was afraid of heights

6. How did Maya most likely feel when she found the journal?

- a) Bored and disappointed
- b) Frightened and worried
- c) Excited and surprised
- d) Angry and frustrated

7. What is the best description of the hidden room's condition?

- a) Recently cleaned and well-maintained
- b) Dusty and untouched for many years
- c) Completely empty with nothing inside
- d) Brightly lit and cheerful

8. What will Maya most likely do next?

- a) Hide the journal and keep it secret
- b) Put the journal back and forget about it
- c) Talk to her grandmother about the journal and her adventures
- d) Throw the journal away