

Words from my grandfather
Morning speech #4
By Sophie



Good morning. Over the weekend I saw an old video recording of my family from 2010. Back then I was at university and we were celebrating my Grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary. It was a big time to celebrate and not often can my family get together. So my stepmother made a recording of the event and interviewed me, my siblings, my dad and my grandparents. You have to understand that my grandfather passed away a couple of years later, before I graduated university. In the last 8 or so years, I hadn't seen him or heard his voice. But, here he was in the video. During the interview, he said a few things, but one piece of advice he had was 'never give up'.

Now, to hear this from him, during a time when we are experiencing the pandemic and times are a little tough, 'never give up' seemed like very fitting advice. I didn't know my grandfather that well growing up because I couldn't visit him often. Also, in the last 10 years I have become very close with my grandmother, so sometimes I wonder what kind of relationship I would have had with him now if he were still here. Hearing his advice and seeing him in the video made me emotional and a little upset, but also thankful. Thankful for his advice, for his guidance when I was growing up. For the opportunities and wonderful memories we had together when he was here. So, I will try to take his advice and never give up when times feel too difficult. I hope you all can find the same strength when you have a difficult situation.

Please choose the correct answer:

1) What was the celebration for? A) Family reunion B) Sophie's grandfather C) To be interviewed D) 50 th Wedding Anniversary	2) What was her grandfather's advice? A) To give up B) To never give up C) To find time to spend with family D) To celebrate
3) Why was the advice given at a good time? A) The pandemic makes people face difficulties B) Life is hard C) You always have to fight D) Because Sophie was sad	4) Why is Sophie thankful? A) She had good memories of her time with her grandfather B) He gave helpful advice C) He gave good guidance D) All of the above