

Planning Sheet

Think about how your feelings have changed since you arrived at Grandma's. Complete the table.

Day	Events	How you feel
1.	Drove to Grandma's with dad. Dad left him with Grandma. Grandma made dinner - cornbread and syrup.	<i>I felt dreadful on the first day because dad drove me to grandma's to spend my entire summer with her! When I arrived I poked around an extremely messy room whilst grandma made putrid cornbread and syrup which I didn't eat of course.</i>
2.	Nicky stacked firewood, cleaned rain gutters and changed spark plugs. He went to the dock to catch fish - didn't catch any! They had hamburgers for dinner.	<i>When I woke up the next day I felt tired and annoyed. I thought you were joking when you said gran would find me lots of things to do but I had to do chores for most of the day! After that she sent me to the dock to fish. I sat there waiting for a bite and got a little bit furious when I caught nothing. We had hamburgers for dinner.</i>
3.	He headed back to the dock with his fishing pole and fell asleep. A flock of birds woke him up hovering over something floating. It was a raft. The raft was covered in drawings. He ran to the cottage to get rope and tied the raft to the dock.	<i>On my third day I headed back to the dock with my fishing pole. There I lay on the dock when a strange thing happened. I must have fallen asleep because the next thing I knew I was being woken by birds. They were hovering above a raft covered in drawings of animals. I had lots of questions. I tied the raft to the dock.</i>
4.	Nicky goes to the dock and Grandma appears with a life jacket and a long pole. She uses the pole to push away from the river bank and they move up river. They watch the birds.	<i>I was mesmerised by the raft and the next day I strolled to the river and cleaned it up. Grandma came with a life jacket and a long pole and she showed me how to move the raft upriver. I felt alive! The birds came with us and grandma said they were like Hitchhikers.</i>
5 and onwards	Nicky goes out on the raft by himself after he's finished his chores. Animals are attracted to the raft. Nicky sees Raccoons, turtles, and foxes.	<i>For days now I have been sailing the raft. Morning after morning I have rushed to finish my chores so that I can go to the river. Swarms of animals follow me along the river. Today there were a family of foxes. I am so happy.</i>

