

CHAPTER 1

Tom was sad because of his grandpa's death. He loved his grandpa. The day after he died, Tom found a letter. When he opened it, a small key fell out. The letter said,

Dear Tom,

If you are reading this, I have died. Please don't be sad. I had a very good life. I don't have gold or treasure to leave you, but I have something much more exciting. Take the key and use it to open the shed at the bottom of my yard. You will understand when you get there.

All my love,

Grandpa

Tom dried his eyes and took the key. When Grandpa was alive, no one was allowed to go in the **shed**. Tom was excited to see what was in there. He went to Grandpa's house and found the shed at the bottom of the yard.

It was dark and cold inside. Tom pulled a rope and a light came on. All that was inside was a wooden table. There was a book and a piece of paper on it. The book looked very old. On the cover, it said *The Magic Book*.

shed (noun) a small building used for putting things in



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Tom picked up the piece of paper, which was another letter from Grandpa.

*This is it. This is my big **secret**: The Magic Book. You are the first person in the family to see this. I have had this book all my life. Before you open it, you must make sure you are ready. If you feel tired, do not open it. You will need lots of energy. If you are ready, go for it.*

Grandpa

Tom touched the book and he felt ready. He opened the book carefully. There was a **loud** bang and a flash of light. Then he was gone.

secret (noun) a piece of information that you hide from other people

loud (adjective) making a lot of noise



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CHAPTER 2

Tom felt strange. A **bright** light hurt his eyes. When it stopped, he was on a boat. It was an old boat, made of wood. The sea moved it up and down. A man walked up some stairs from below **deck**. He was a big man with a black hat and a long beard. Tom could tell he was a **pirate**.

‘Who are you?’ said the pirate. ‘This is Redbeard’s ship!’

‘My name is Tom,’ he replied. ‘I’m sorry. I was just reading a book. I didn’t know this would happen.’

Redbeard smiled. ‘Did you find the Magic Book?’

Tom nodded.

‘That was Ted’s book. How is he?’ Redbeard asked.

‘He died,’ said Tom.

‘That is sad,’ said Redbeard. ‘It has been a long time since I saw him. Are you his son?’

‘I’m his grandson,’ said Tom.

‘It really has been a long time,’ said Redbeard. ‘Come. I will show you my **crew**.’

bright (adjective) having a strong colour

deck (noun) the flat area outside of a ship or boat

pirate (noun) someone who attacks and steals from a ship at sea

crew (noun) the people who work on a ship or aeroplane

GRAMMAR QUIZZES

Quiz-1

Complete these sentences with the past continuous tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. He a birthday party last night. (have)
2. He the salad when he saw a caterpillar on the plate. (eat)
3. She outside the cinema waiting for him on Monday. (stand)
4. Dad the dog through the park when he found the kitten. (walk)
5. We the couple round the house when the mouse ran across the floor. (show)
6. I my horse, and it felt great. (ride)
7. They for the computers to work in the office again. (wait)
8. She the fence in the garden when it started to rain. (paint)
9. He leaflets when the dog barked at him. (deliver)
10. I on my report when the doorbell rang. (work)
11. I the door when the handle fell off. (close)
12. The bus driver too fast along the country lanes. (drive)