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Activity 1

You're late she snapped. I don't think I am, Grandma replied George. Don't interrupt me in the middle of a sentence! she shouted. But you'd finished your sentence, Grandma replied George. There you go again! she cried. Always interrupting and arguing. You really are a tiresome little boy. What's the time? It's exactly eleven o'clock, Grandma said George. You're lying as usual. Stop talking so much and give me my medicine. Shake the bottle first. Then pour it into the spoon and make sure it's a whole spoonful snarled Grandma. Are you going to gulp it all down in one go? George asked her. Or will you sip it? What I do is none of your business the old woman said. Fill the spoon.

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Activity 2

You know what's the matter with you? the old woman said, staring at George over the rim of the teacup with those bright, wicked little eyes. You're *growing* too fast. Boys who grow too fast become stupid and lazy. But I can't help it if I'm growing fast, Grandma George said. Of course you can she snapped. *Growing's* a nasty childish habit. But we *have* to grow, Grandma. If we didn't grow, we'd never be grown-ups. Rubbish, boy, rubbish she said. Look at me. Am I growing? Certainly not. But you did once, Grandma. Only *very little*, the old woman answered. I gave up growing when I was extremely small, along with all the other nasty childish habits like laziness and disobedience and greed and sloppiness and untidiness and stupidity. You haven't given up any of these things, have you? I'm still only a little boy, Grandma. You're eight years old she snorted. That's old enough to know better. If you don't stop growing soon, it'll be too late.

Mrs O'Callaghan's Set

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Activity 3

Too late for what, *Grandma*? It's ridiculous she went on. You're nearly as tall as me already. *George* took a good look at *Grandma*. She certainly was a *very tiny* person. Her legs were so short she had to have a footstool to put her feet on, and her head only came halfway up the back of the armchair. Daddy says it's fine for a man to be tall *George* said. Don't listen to your Daddy *Grandma* said. Listen to me. But how do I stop myself growing? *George* asked her. Eat less chocolate *Grandma* said. Does chocolate make you grow? It makes you grow the *wrong way* she snapped. Up instead of down. *Grandma* sipped some tea but never took her eyes from the little boy who stood before her. Never grow up she said. Always down. Yes, *Grandma*. And stop eating chocolate. Eat cabbage instead. Cabbage! Oh no, I don't like cabbage *George* said.

