

### Important Points

1. **Granny's Poor Eyesight:** Granny's old glasses are scratched and weak, making it hard for her to see. She needs new glasses from the eye hospital in Mussoorie.
  2. **Granny's Love for Mani:** Granny raised Mani since he was a baby and doesn't want to leave him alone. She agrees to the trip only when Mani joins her.
  3. **The Journey:**
    - Mani and Granny walk to Nain in the rain, enjoying nature like parrots, blackberries, and green fields.
    - A landslide blocks the bus route to Mussoorie, so they take a tough mountain path.
    - They stay in a dharmasala (a simple shelter) in Mussoorie because hotels are expensive.
  4. **At the Eye Hospital:** The doctor says Granny's old glasses are so bad they belong in a museum. New glasses help her see better, and she happily sees Mani clearly.
  5. **Their Bond:** Mani supports Granny by carrying things and guiding her, while Granny stays strong and cheerful despite her age and weak eyes.
  6. **Shopping in Mussoorie:** They buy a pullover for Mani's father, seeds, bulbs, a cowbell, and new shoes for Mani.
  7. **Nature and Challenges:** The story describes beautiful landscapes (hills, forests, rivers) and challenges like rain, mist, and a landslide.
  8. **Granny's Courage:** At 70, Granny walks long distances and faces difficulties without complaining, showing her strength.
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### Meanings of Words

Here are some important words from the story with simple meanings for students with preliminary English knowledge:

1. **Distant** (Page 1): Far away.  
*Example:* The roar of the river was distant, so Granny could hear it but not see it.
2. **Fuzzy** (Page 1): Not clear, blurry.  
*Example:* Granny could only see Mani's fuzzy hair because of her bad glasses.
3. **Scratched** (Page 1): Having marks or cuts on the surface.  
*Example:* Granny's glasses were scratched, so she couldn't see well.
4. **Protest** (Page 1): To argue or say you don't agree.  
*Example:* Granny protested that the journey was too long.
5. **Sternly** (Page 2): In a strict or serious way.  
*Example:* Mani's father spoke sternly to make Granny agree to the trip.

6. **Eagerly** (Page 2): With excitement or enthusiasm.  
*Example:* Mani eagerly offered to take Granny to Mussoorie.
7. **Slackened** (Page 3): Slowed down.  
*Example:* Granny did not slacken her pace while walking.
8. **Somber** (Page 3): Dark and dull.  
*Example:* The sky was somber before the sun came out.
9. **Rickety** (Page 4): Old and shaky, likely to break.  
*Example:* The bus was rickety and rattled a lot.
10. **Debris** (Page 4): Broken pieces of things like rocks or trees.  
*Example:* The landslide left debris on the road.
11. **Bypass** (Page 5): To go around something to avoid it.  
*Example:* They took a shortcut to bypass the landslide.
12. **Dharmasala** (Page 5): A simple place to stay, often near a temple.  
*Example:* Granny and Mani stayed in a dharmasala because hotels were costly.
13. **Portly** (Page 6): Fat or heavy in a polite way.  
*Example:* The doctor was a portly man in a suit.
14. **Brisk** (Page 6): Quick and active.  
*Example:* The doctor dealt with patients in a brisk but kind way.
15. **Jostled** (Page 5): Pushed or bumped in a crowd.  
*Example:* Granny held Mani's shoulder so she wouldn't lose him in the jostling crowd.

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### Answers to "While We Read" Questions

1. **Why couldn't Granny see properly through her glasses?**  
Granny's glasses were old, scratched, and weak, making it hard for her to see clearly.
2. **Why didn't Granny want to be parted from Mani?**  
Granny raised Mani since he was a baby after his mother died, so she loves him deeply and feels protective.
3. **Do you think Granny was confident about walking to Nain? Give reasons.**  
Yes, Granny was confident. She said, "I may be going blind, but there's nothing wrong with my legs," and she walked steadily without slowing down, even in the rain.
4. **Why does Mani's father call Granny's journey a shopping trip?**  
Granny planned to buy seeds, bulbs, a cowbell, a pullover, and shoes, which made it sound like a shopping trip rather than just an eye checkup.
5. **List of recent natural calamities and possible causes** (Student activity suggestion):
  - Floods: Heavy rain, poor drainage.
  - Landslides: Deforestation, heavy rain.

- Earthquakes: Movement of earth's plates.
  - Cyclones: Warm ocean water, climate change.
6. **Narrate an experience of a delayed journey** (Student activity suggestion):  
Think of a time when rain, traffic, or a vehicle breakdown delayed your travel. Describe what happened, how you felt, and what you did.
7. **What does the doctor mean by sending Granny's glasses to a museum?**  
The doctor is joking that Granny's glasses are so old and useless that they belong in a museum as an antique, not for use.
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### Key Themes

- **Family Bond:** The love and care between Granny and Mani show how grandparents and grandchildren support each other.
- **Courage and Determination:** Granny's strength to walk long distances at 70 and Mani's help show their determination.
- **Nature's Beauty:** The story describes hills, forests, rivers, and a rainbow, making the journey memorable.
- **Overcoming Challenges:** Despite rain, a landslide, and poor eyesight, Granny and Mani complete their journey.