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### Vocab: Old Age

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Which is the odd one out?
  - a. grandfather
  - b. grandpa
  - c. granddad
  - d. stepfather
  
2. When I was a young boy, I can remember \_\_\_\_\_ a bath in the living room!
  - a. have
  - b. to have
  - c. having
  - d. had
  
3. In elections, politicians try to get old people to vote for them, it's called the \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
  - a. white
  - b. grey
  - c. old
  - d. blue
  
4. When you retire, the money you get from the government is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. allowance
  - b. pension
  - c. grant
  - d. benefit
  
5. An unkind description of an old person as being too old is 'He's over the \_\_\_\_\_'.
  - a. hill
  - b. mountain
  - c. top
  - d. barrel
  
6. My grandma is very \_\_\_\_\_, she's always thinking of the past.
  - a. memorable
  - b. remembering
  - c. nostalgic
  - d. nostalgia

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#### Answers

1. Which is the odd one out?

- a. grandfather - Grandfather is the same as grandpa and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
- b. grandpa - Grandpa is the same as grandfather and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
- c. granddad - Granddad is the same as grandfather and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
- d. stepfather - If your mother remarries you have a stepfather, the other are all your father's father. Correct**

2. When I was a young boy, I can remember \_\_\_\_\_ a bath in the living room!

- a. have - If you use the verb 'remember' to think about the past, it is followed by -ing.
- b. to have - If you use the verb 'remember' to think about the past, it is followed by -ing.
- c. having - If you use the verb 'remember' to think about the past, it is followed by -ing. Correct**
- d. had - If you use the verb 'remember' to think about the past, it is followed by -ing.

3. In elections, politicians try to get old people to vote for them, it's called the \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

- a. white - The white vote is not correct.
- b. grey - The old people's vote is called the grey vote. Correct**
- c. old - The old vote is not correct.
- d. blue - The blue vote is not correct.

4. When you retire, the money you get from the government is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. allowance - You might hear child allowance and disability allowance, but not old age allowance.
- b. pension - A pension is your income after you stop work. Correct**
- c. grant - You might get a grant to do something very specific such as studying.
- d. benefit - Benefit is a more general word to describe money the government gives you to help you.

5. An unkind description of an old person as being too old is 'He's over the \_\_\_\_\_'.

- a. hill - An unkind remark would be 'He's over the hill'. Correct**
- b. mountain - 'He's over the mountain' is not correct.
- c. top - 'He's over the top' is not correct.
- d. barrel - 'He's over the barrel' is not correct.

6. My grandma is very \_\_\_\_\_, she's always thinking of the past.

- a. memorable - If something is memorable, it is easy to remember it.
- b. remembering - is a verb form not an adjective (unusual in the continuous form).
- c. nostalgic - If someone thinks about the past, and is a bit sad they are being nostalgic. Correct**
- d. nostalgia - Nostalgia is a feeling of sadness for the past, but not the adjective.