

Reading Homework 09.10-16.10.26

The Key in The Attic

Although Ella had always thought her grandmother's house was ordinary, something about it felt different that stormy afternoon. A rattling sound came from above her head. Curious, she climbed the narrow staircase to the attic. Dust floated like glitter in the torchlight as she pushed open the heavy door.

On an old wooden table lay a small, silver key. It shimmered even though the window was closed. Ella hesitated, but the mischievous thought of adventure tugged at her shoulder. She picked up the key and noticed a faded label tied to it: *"For when the time is right."*

Immediately, the floorboards creaked and a cool breeze brushed her face. The wardrobe in the corner gave a soft click, as if unlocking itself. Her heart thumped wildly. Should she open it?

Ella decided this was her opportunity to find out what her grandmother had been hiding all these years. She turned the handle slowly and whispered her favourite promise to herself: "Be brave, no matter what happens."

Questions

1. What clues in the text show that the attic might be mysterious or magical?
2. How does Ella's attitude change from the beginning to the end of the story? Use evidence from the text.
3. What do you think might happen next? Explain your ideas using what you know about Ella's character.