

TEACHING NOTES: Far Away Granny

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SYNOPSIS

When Granny lives far, far away, there are lots of ways her granddaughter can keep in touch with her. But what happens when her granddaughter fantastically slips through the screen?

A heart-warming tale, full of imagination, which lets everybody know that granny is never really far away.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Harriet Cuming is an Australian author who lives on Sydney's Northern Beaches. *Far Away Granny* is her fourth children's book, inspired by the COVID pandemic and the heartache it has caused worldwide. Harriet writes as a Far Away Granny.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Angela Perrini is an illustrator for children. She has collaborated with magazines, art galleries and often works for private clients. She lives in Puglia, Italy, and works with Italian and international publishing houses. For a few years now, she has also dedicated herself with passion to teaching drawing and illustration.



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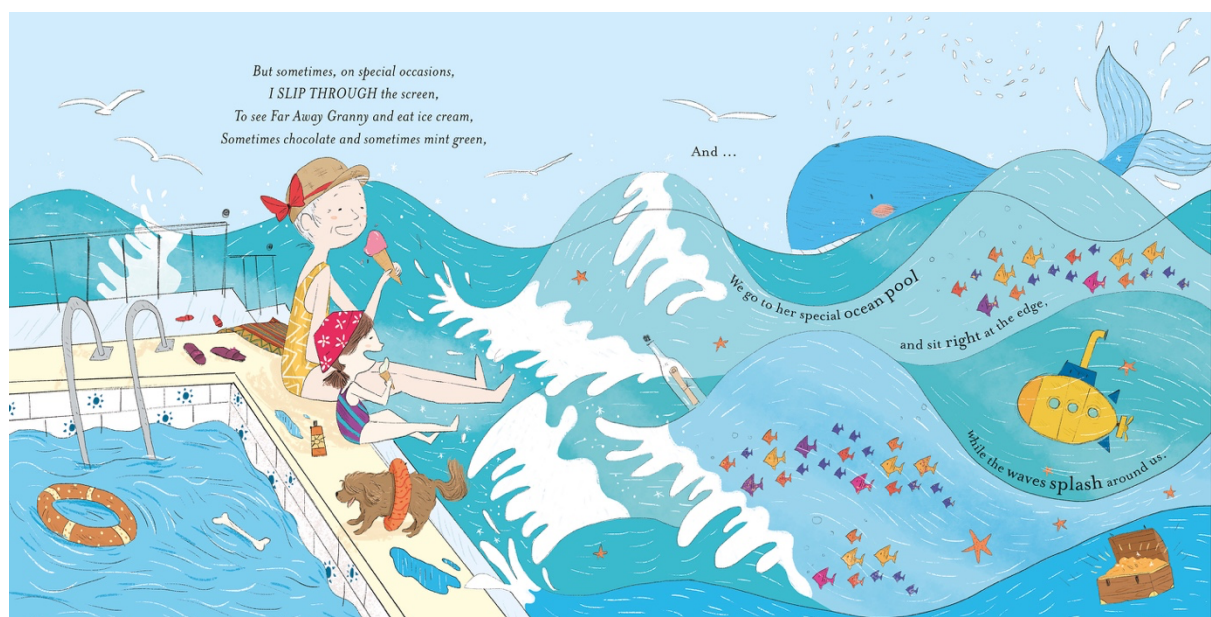
EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Far Away Granny is an uplifting story of hope written by a grandmother to show her granddaughter that she is never really far away even though they live in different countries and couldn't visit each other during the COVID pandemic. The book emphasises the importance and possibility of close bonds even when we can't physically connect. Wonderful, lively and imaginative illustrations combined with playful rhyme bring the book alive.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Did you use Skype or a screen to keep in touch with a family member during COVID? Did you find it difficult to keep in touch that way or was it exciting? How did it make you feel?
3. What sort of things did you speak about on screen? Your school day? Your trips to the park? What you had for supper? What did they talk about to you?
4. Did you connect in other ways? Write letters? Postcards? Emails?
5. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY

Find all the words in the *Far Away Granny* wordsearch.



FAR AWAY GRANNY

B	M	T	B	M	L	F	I	K	H	H	M	G
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GRANDDAUGHTER
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ICECREAM

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SCHOOL

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SWIMMING
THEATRE
TICKETS



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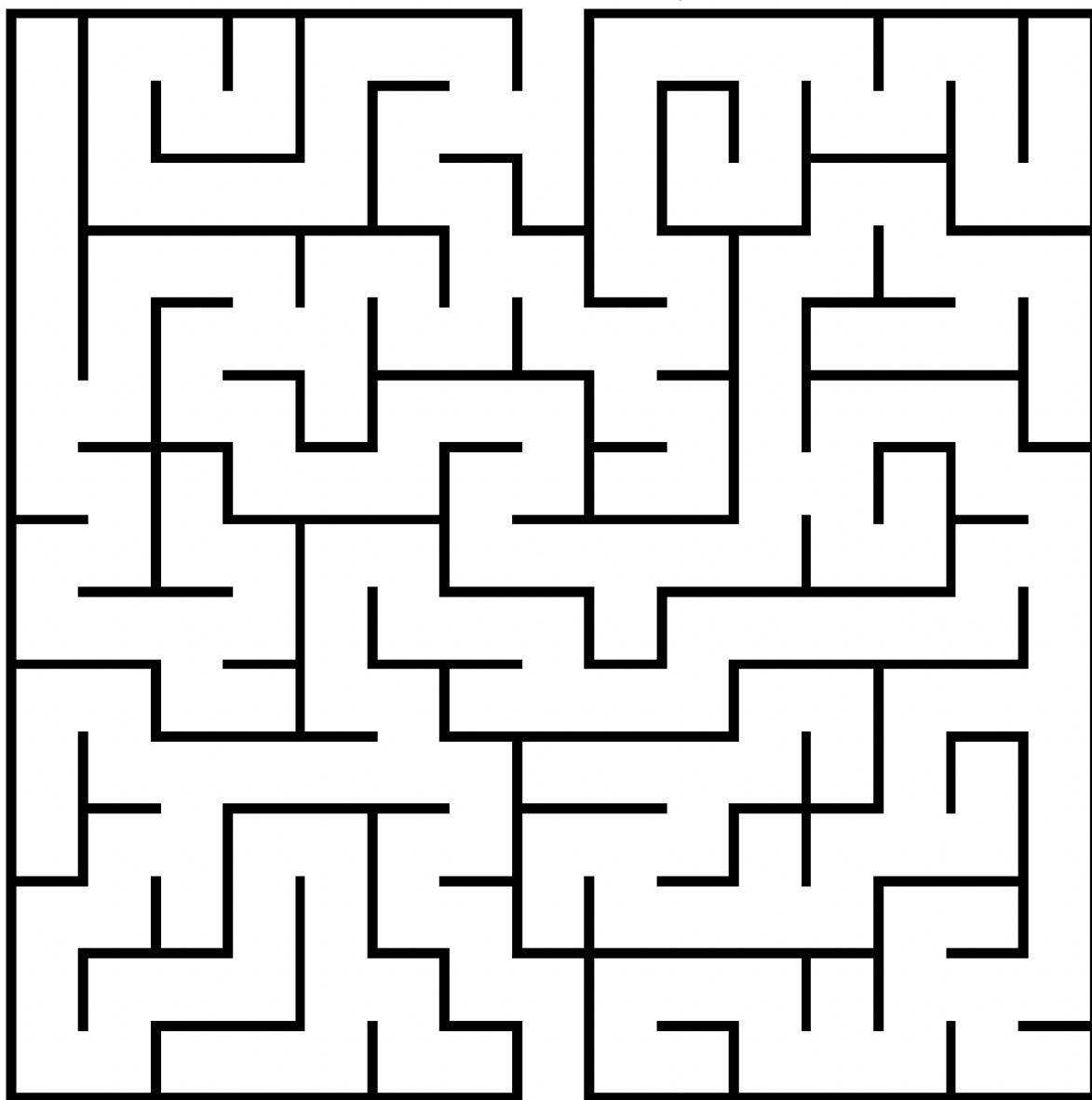
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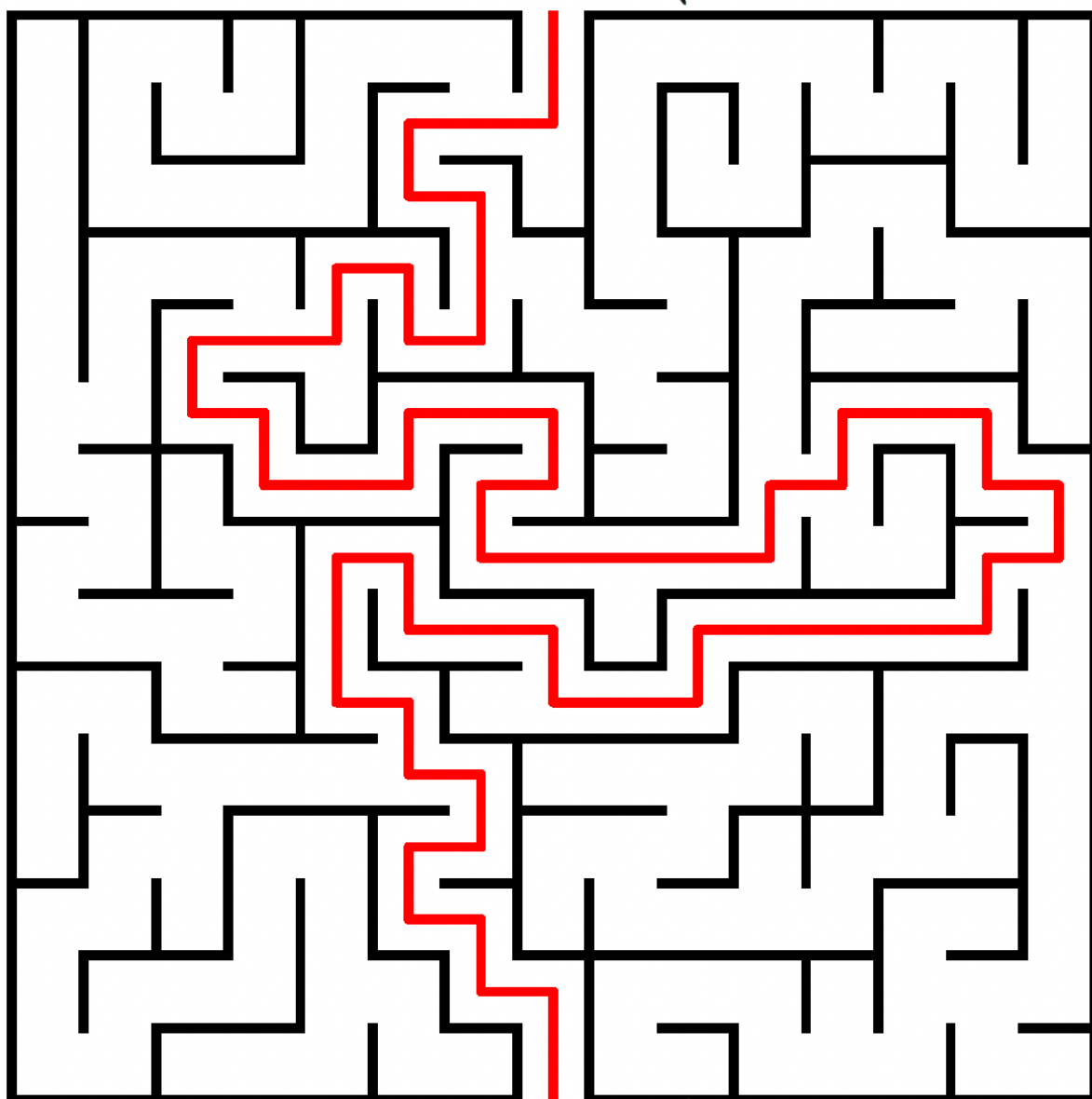
FUN
ACTIVITY!

A-MAZE-ING GRANNY

Help Granny connect with her granddaughter.



A-MAZE-ING GRANNY SOLUTION



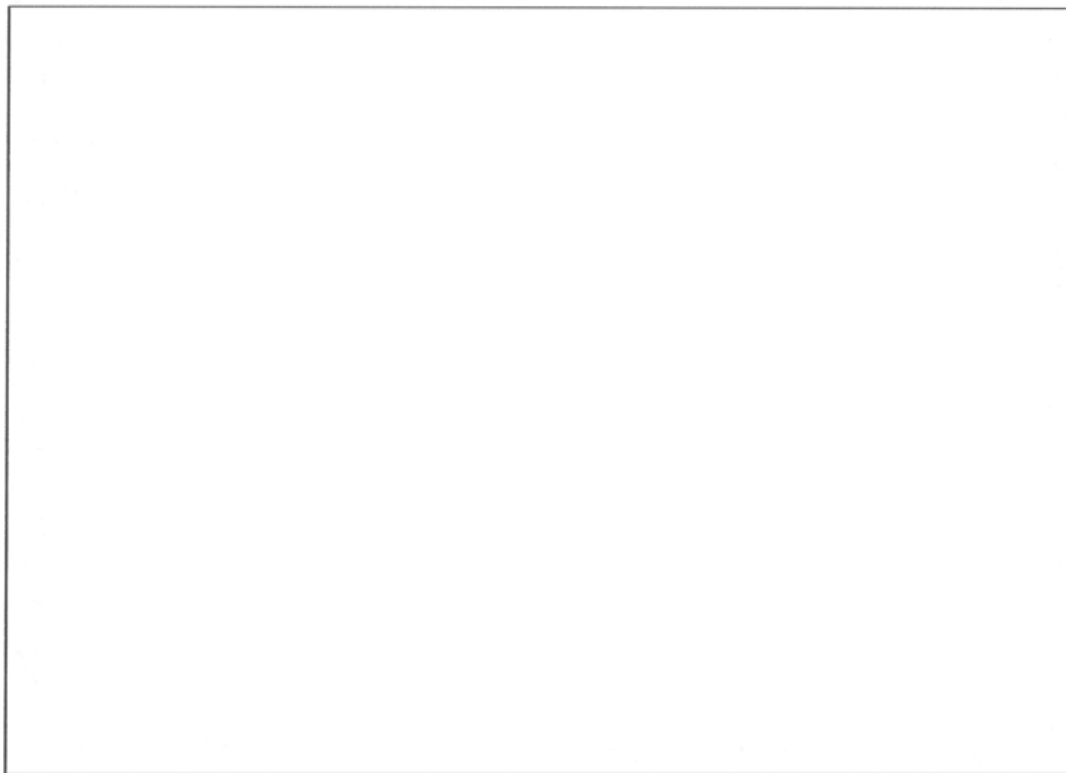
DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of yourself with somebody who you care about but don't see very often. You could be going on a wild adventure together!



POSTCARD FUN

Send somebody special a postcard and tell them what you've been doing. Cut out the two templates and glue them back to back. Remember to ask an adult to help you.



← Draw your image here

Postcard

← Stick your stamp here

← Write the address of the person you are sending the postcard to.

