



## Open-Ended Questions

1. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Mia waited patiently...*  
Find and copy one word meaning 'confirmed to be accurate'.
2. Look at the paragraph beginning *Grandpa Brian had...* to the paragraph ending ... *letting them in.*

What made Mia think that Shady Pines was more like a prison than a retirement home?

3. *There was a slight pause before Grandpa Brian's wrinkled walnut face cracked open in a huge smile.*

Why do you think the author used the word *walnut* to describe Grandpa Brian's face?

4. *"I can't tell you right now," said Grandpa. He looked round the room suspiciously before leaning closer and whispering, "The walls have ears."*

What did Grandpa mean when he said that *the walls have ears*?

5. Grandpa Brian told Mia that he needs her help.  
What do you think he will ask her to do?

Use evidence from the chapter to support your answer.