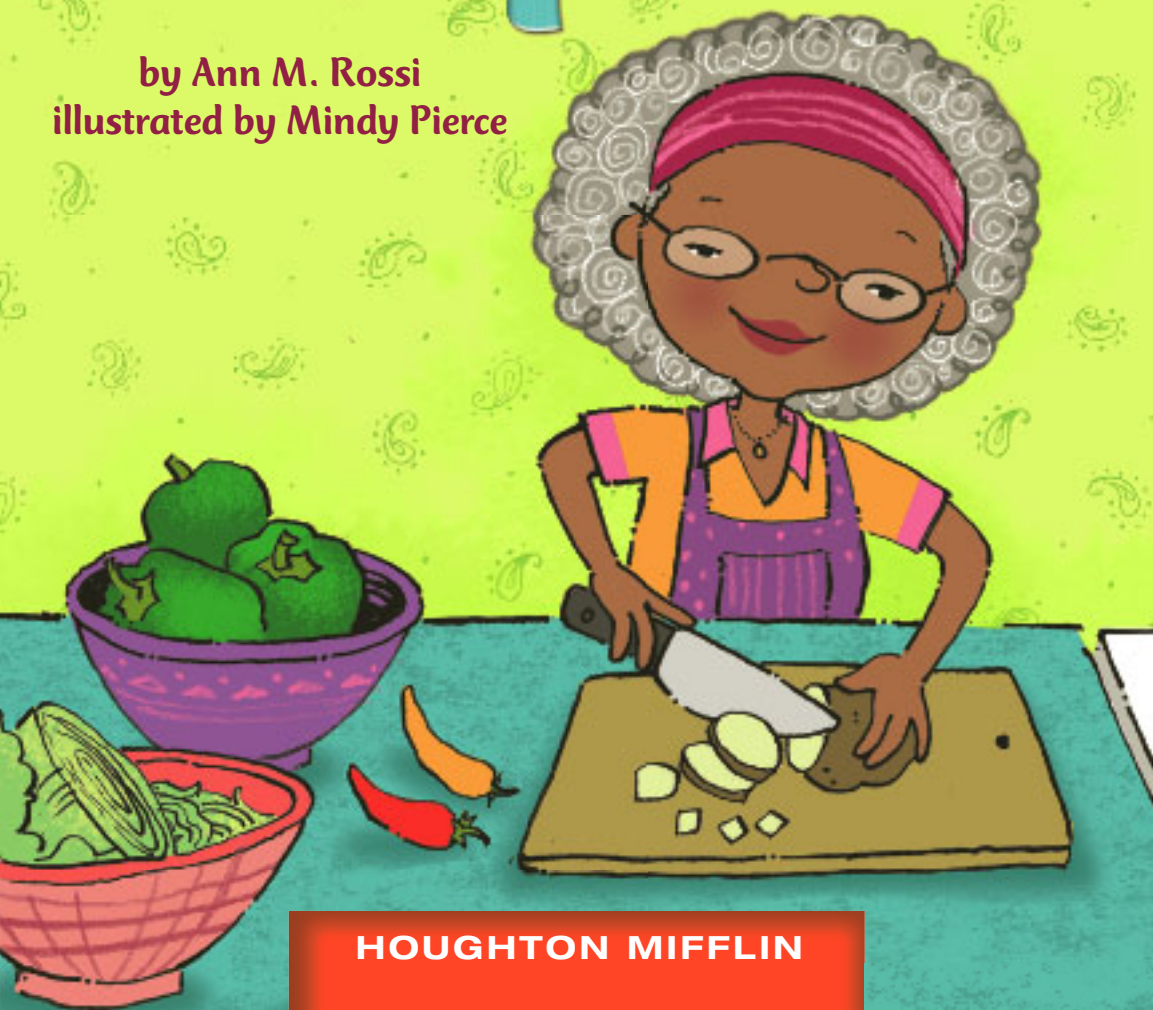


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🔊 My grandma called me  
on the phone.

“Please come visit me. Bring a  
cabbage with you,”  
said Grandma.

“Why do you want me to bring  
a cabbage?” I asked.

“You will see,” said Grandma.



Flowers were **blooming**

in the garden.

But I did not pick the flowers.

I picked a cabbage.





Then I went to Grandma's house.  
My cousins were there.  
They had vegetables from their  
gardens, too.



Alan opened his bag.  
He put sweet peppers  
and spicy peppers  
on the table.



🔊 Jon had a big, green,  
bumpy squash.

He put the squash on the table.



🔊 Jo and Pat had some potatoes.

“We used **shovels** to dig these up!”  
said Jo.

They put the potatoes on  
the table.





▶ Grandma washed the vegetables.  
Then she chopped the vegetables.  
First she chopped the cabbage.  
Then she chopped the peppers  
and the squash.  
She chopped the potatoes last.



🔊 Then Grandma put a pot of water on the stove.

She put the vegetables into the pot.

Then she stirred the pot.

A wonderful **scent** filled the air.



🔊 I was very hungry.  
Grandma said, "Does everyone want  
some soup?"  
We all **nodded**.  
We all wanted some soup!



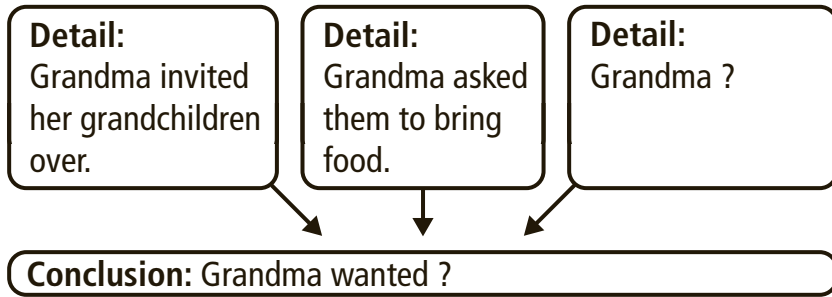
# Responding



## TARGET SKILL

## Conclusions

Why did Grandma need the vegetables? Copy and complete the chart below.



## Write About It

**Text to Self** Use a few sentences to write a summary paragraph about a time when you helped someone make a meal. Include details about what you made, who you helped, and how it tasted.





### TARGET VOCABULARY

blooming  
muscles  
nodded  
plain

scent  
shovels  
tough  
wrinkled



**TARGET SKILL** **Conclusions** Use details to figure out more about the text.



**TARGET STRATEGY** **Analyze/Evaluate** Tell how you feel about the text, and why.



**GENRE** **Realistic Fiction** is a story that could happen in real life.

**Level:** G

**DRA:** 12

**Genre:**

Realistic Fiction

**Strategy:**

Analyze/Evaluate

**Skill:**

Conclusions

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