



A Penny for Penny

Penny's grandfather lives with her family. He is 92 years old and has many memories he likes to share. Penny climbs into his lap and listens intently as he tells fabulous tales of his childhood and the amazing things he saw happening in America as he grew up. Penny's favorite story is the one about Grandpa's first job as a newspaper delivery boy. Back in those days, you didn't make a lot of money delivering newspapers, but it helped a little with the family expenses. His father let him keep part of the money he made so he could buy himself a little something, but he was expected to save the rest.

One day, Grandpa asked Penny to come sit on his lap. He said he had something very special he wanted to give her, and he pulled a tiny velvet box from his pocket. Inside was the very first penny he had ever earned. It was shiny and beautiful and meant a lot to him. He put the box in Penny's hand and told her how precious she was to him and that he wanted her to have it. She clutched the box to her chest, hugged him tight, and promised to always take very good care of this wonderful gift.

Directions: Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

1. Penny's _____ lives with her family.
2. Penny's grandfather is _____ years old.
3. Grandpa has many _____ he likes to share.
4. Grandpa's first job was delivering _____.
5. The money he made helped a little with family _____.
6. Grandpa told Penny he had something _____ to give her.
7. Inside the velvet box was the first _____ he ever earned.
8. Penny thought this was a _____ gift.

WORD BANK

- expenses
- newspapers
- grandfather
- very special
- ninety-two
- wonderful
- memories
- penny