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**Vocab: Old Age**
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Which is the odd one out?
   a. grandfather
   b. grandpa
   c. granddad
   d. stepfather

2. When I was a young boy, I can remember __________ a bath in the living room!
   a. have
   b. to have
   c. having
   d. had

3. In elections, politicians try to get old people to vote for them, it’s called the ________ vote.
   a. white
   b. grey
   c. old
   d. blue

4. When you retire, the money you get from the government is called a(n) ________.
   a. allowance
   b. pension
   c. grant
   d. benefit

5. An unkind description of an old person as being too old is ‘He’s over the ________’
   a. hill
   b. mountain
   c. top
   d. barrel

6. My grandma is very __________, she’s always thinking of the past.
   a. memorable
   b. remembering
   c. nostalgic
   d. nostalgia
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Answers

1. Which is the odd one out?
   a. grandfather - Grandfather is the same as grandpa and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
   b. grandpa - Grandpa is the same as grandfather and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
   c. granddad - Granddad is the same as grandfather and granddad, if your mother remarries you have a stepfather.
   d. stepfather - If your mother remarries you have a stepfather, the other are all your father’s father. Correct

2. When I was a young boy, I can remember __________ a bath in the living room!
   a. have - If you use the verb ‘remember’ to think about the past, it is followed by –ing.
   b. to have - If you use the verb ‘remember’ to think about the past, it is followed by –ing.
   c. having - If you use the verb ‘remember’ to think about the past, it is followed by –ing. Correct
   d. had - If you use the verb ‘remember’ to think about the past, it is followed by –ing.

3. In elections, politicians try to get old people to vote for them, it’s called the _________ vote.
   a. white - The white vote is not correct.
   b. grey - The old people’s vote is called the grey vote. Correct
   c. old - The old vote is not correct.
   d. blue - The blue vote is not correct.

4. When you retire, the money you get from the government is called a(n) __________.
   a. allowance - You might hear child allowance and disability allowance, but not old age allowance.
   b. pension - A pension is your income after you stop work. Correct
   c. grant - You might get a grant to do something very specific such as studying.
   d. benefit - Benefit is a more general word to describe money the government gives you to help you.

5. An unkind description of an old person as being too old is ‘He’s over the ________’
   a. hill - An unkind remark would be ‘He’s over the hill’. Correct
   b. mountain - ‘He’s over the mountain’ is not correct.
   c. top - ‘He’s over the top’ is not correct.
   d. barrel - ‘He’s over the barrel’ is not correct.

6. My grandma is very __________, she’s always thinking of the past.
   a. memorable - If something is memorable, it is easy to remember it.
   b. remembering - is a verb form not an adjective (unusual in the continuous form).
   c. nostalgic - If someone thinks about the past, and is a bit sad they are being nostalgic. Correct
   d. nostalgia - Nostalgia is a feeling of sadness for the past, but not the adjective.