

## A Trip on a Tram



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Set 3 (172 words)

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### Special words

driver, front, conductor, have, fares, she, her,  
the, a, A, to, pays, me, when, terminus, call, line,  
so, do

Dem and I set up a pretend tram on Grandma's deck. Dem is the tram driver. He sits in the cabin at the front. He has a cap.

I am the conductor. I have a cap. I stand at the back. I collect the fares, clip the tickets and ring the bell. Grandma sits in the middle. She has a picnic basket on her lap.

Ding. Ding. I ring the bell. The tram rattles off along the tram track. Click, clack, click, clack. Grandma, Dem and I rock as the tram rumbles along.

A man signals the tram to stop. He steps onto the tram. It is grandpa. I ring the bell and grab a handle as the tram sets off. Grandpa sits. He pays me. I hand him a ticket and clip it.

When the tram gets to Glenelg, I call, "End of the line." Grandma and Grandpa hop off. And so do Dem and I.

Grandma, Grandpa, Dem and I have a picnic on the grass.

## Questions/Activities

After reading the text ask students one or more of the following questions. If students are working in pairs, alternate Partner 1, then Partner 2.

- Have you ever played pretend activities? The adult might share a story of their own and then invite the student to share a story.
- Have you ever been on a tram, a train or a bus? Tell me about it. In what ways is a tram different from a train and a bus?
- What do you think these words mean: pretend, cabin, front, conductor, collect, fares, signals, 'end of the line'?
- Why did the author/conductor grab a handle?
- What do we call people who travel on a tram, bus, train or plane?
- What do you think happens next?