

Olympic Granny

1. The poet mentions various sports that the grandma excels in? mention some sports

Grandma excels at athletics, archery, taekwondo and table tennis. She has mastered the canoe and the trampoline and excels at diving. She's the best at lifting weights, high jumps and hammer throwing. She also excels at marathons, rowing, boxing, pole vaulting, fencing and basketball.

2. What is the fact that makes grandma absolutely incredible?

The fact that makes Grandma absolutely incredible is that she excels at all these sports despite being in a wheelchair and using a walker.

3. How does the speaker view the grandma? Pick any 4 examples

The speaker is filled with awe and wonder for Grandma. There are many examples to support this in the poem. He uses phrases to describe her such as 'ace at archery', 'queen of the canoe', 'champ at hammer throwing' and 'best at boxing' to describe all her sporting achievements. He also finds her 'astonishing' because she does all this while using a wheelchair and a walker.

4. This is funny, light hearted poem. What do you think the poem humorous?

I think that the poem is humorous for several reasons. The first reason is that the premise of the poem itself is humorous, as the idea of a 99-year-old grandma defeating everyone, laughing 'at her competitors' and making them 'quake in fear' is amusing. Secondly, the poet has used hyperbole or exaggeration to describe all of Grandma's achievements in a humorous manner.

5. Copy the question from text book.

i. Grandma

ii. The amazing thing about Grandma is that she is a champion in a variety of sports.

iii. What is even more shocking is that she wins all contests with her wheelchair and her walker.

iv. The tone of the poet in these lines is awestruck and admiring.

