

Good or Bad Parents?

Part A

In this activity, you will give an opinion, backed up with evidence from the text.

Read pages 82-87. You could say that Via's parents neglected her to look after August. Write an argument for or against this, using evidence in the text to back up your argument. Remember, for an argument, you don't need to believe what you're writing, just justify it to someone else.

Here's a short example for the argument that they neglected her, to show you how you might set your argument out:

On page 85, Via gets sent to her Grans' house for a whole four weeks by her parents. That's a long time to be away from home and she must have missed her family terribly. If I had children, I would never send them away from home for so long, even if their brother was ill. We don't even hear whether they phoned her or not to keep in touch.

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Part B

In this activity, you will compare Via's contrasting feelings.

Read pages 82-87. Via goes to grandma's for four weeks on pages 85-87. Using the diary template on the next page, write a series of diary entries from Via's diary to show how she feels compared to her life at home. You should show how Via feels special and compare that to how she feels at home with August.

Challenge Task

Using the table below write arguments for and against Via being neglected by her parents, as a plan for a balanced argument. Then write a one paragraph summary of what you think about Mom and Dad's parenting of August and Via.

Good Parents	Neglectful Parents

Summary:

Dear Diary,

Handwriting practice lines for the diary entry.