

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

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- ① **Rosie** – main character; one week older than Bailey; skinny
- Bailey** – visual impairment; next door neighbor to Rosie; friend of Rosie since babies; tall; strong
- ① **Carmelita** – Bailey’s mother
- Granny Torrelli** – Rosie’s grandmother; takes care of Rosie while her parents work;
- ① **Catholic**; came to America at 16; never saw mother, father, siblings again
- Janine** – new girl who lives up the street from Rosie and Bailey; came from New York
- Marlee** – Rosie’s best friend at school
- Jefferson Family** – moved in across the street from Rosie and Bailey; Johnny & Jake (brothers); Lucille (little sister)
- Pardo** – Granny Torrelli’s childhood friend from Italy
- Violetta** – girl who stayed with her aunt who lived next door to Pardo; sweet on Pardo
- Marco** – boy who stayed with his grandmother next to Granny Torrelli; sweet on Granny Torrelli
- Galtozzi baby girl** – very sick baby in Granny Torrelli’s village in Italy
- ② **Nero** – Pardo’s dog; name means black
- Tootie** – dog Rosie brought home to train as Seeing Eye dog
- ① **Pickburr Street** – Rosie and Bailey live here; Granny Torrelli calls it Pickleberry

1. What did Granny Torrelli do to the man who pretended he was a meter reader to get into her house?
 - ① a. Called the police to arrest him.
 - ① b. Hit him on the head with a broom and told him she had a gun.
 - c. Threw a pot of soup at him.
2. What did Rosie’s mother do to help her understand how Bailey saw?
 - ② a. Held a tissue over her eyes.
 - ② b. Had her eat dinner in a dark closet.
 - c. Had her walk around the apartment blind-folded.
3. What was Rosie upset about on the first day of school?
 - a. She lost her new crayons.
 - ② b. Bailey couldn’t come to school with her.
 - c. She missed her mother at school.
4. What did Rose do to help Bailey learn his letters?
 - a. Bought him an alphabet puzzle.
 - ② b. Traced the letters in his hand.
 - ② c. Wrote very large letters in dark marker.
5. What did Rosie do to Bailey’s Braille book because she was angry that he could read Braille and she couldn’t?
 - ① a. Throw it away.
 - ① b. Rip it.
 - c. Hide it.
6. What did Bailey do in their play about a mother and father that made Rosie angry?
 - ③ a. Refused to clean the house.

- b. Refused to go to the park.
c. Would not take care of the children.
7. Why did Bailey cry when he came to spend a few days with Rosie?
2) a. His father was leaving the family.
b. He wasn't allowed to go to school with Rosie.
c. He wasn't allowed to help Granny Torrelli make soup.
8. What ingredients did Granny Torrelli put in her soup?
3) a. Broccoli, beets, carrots and beef.
b. Celery, carrots, onions, and chicken.
c. Spinach, onions, potatoes and pork.
9. What does Granny Torrelli say when she needs to use the bathroom?
3) a. I need a bathroom break.
b. Time for a little pause.
c. Excuse me for a minute.
10. What character did Rosie want to be in the play that upset Bailey?
3) a. A blind woman.
b. His mother.
c. The father.
11. What did Granny Torrelli want to give Nero when she took him for a walk?
1) a. A dog treat.
b. Chocolate.
c. A new collar.
12. What happened to Nero when he was out for a walk with Granny Torrelli?
1) a. He got hit by a train.
b. He ran away.
c. He got in a fight with another dog.
13. Why did Rosie bring home the dog she found hanging around the delicatessen?
2) a. Her mother had told her she could have a dog.
b. She wanted a guide dog for Bailey.
c. She thought the dog looked hungry.
14. Where did Rose keep the dog she brought home?
1) a. In her bedroom.
b. At Bailey's house
c. In the garage.
15. What did Rosie feed the dog she brought home?
3) a. Dog food.
b. Leftover meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy.
c. Food from Bailey's house.
16. Why did Tootie the dog eventually leave Rosie's garage?
1) a. Tootie was making too much noise.
b. Tootie's owners came for him.
c. Tootie made a mess in the garage.
17. Who does Granny Torrelli pray for before every meal?
2) a. Rosie and Bailey
b. Her mother, father, brothers and sisters.
c. All the neighbors.

18. How old was Granny Torrelli when she came to America?
 - a. 15
 - b. 16
 - c. 17
19. Who did Granny Torrelli go to America with?
 - a. Her parents.
 - b. Her uncle.
 - c. Her older brother.
20. What was Bailey wearing when he was lost as a small boy?
 - a. A red sweater and blue shorts.
 - b. A red shirt and jeans.
 - c. A red jacket and blue pants.
21. Where did they finally find Bailey on the day he was lost?
 - a. In the woods.
 - b. On his front porch.
 - c. At Granny Torrelli's house.
22. What was Bailey doing when he was found?
 - a. Sleeping.
 - b. Reading.
 - c. Eating a sandwich.
23. Why did the searchers go home when it started to get dark?
 - a. They were giving up the search until it got light again.
 - b. They were getting flashlights.
 - c. They were going to call the police.
24. Where did Bailey say he had been when they thought he was lost?
 - a. On a short walk that got long.
 - b. Fishing.
 - c. Visiting a friend.
25. What does Bailey do because he doesn't like people staring at his eyes?
 - a. Stays at home.
 - b. Wears sunglasses.
 - c. Squints.
26. How does Bailey know that the girls are hurting Rosie?
 - a. He overheard their plans at school.
 - b. Granny Torrelli told him.
 - c. He could hear them from far away.
27. What do the mean girls do to hurt Rosie?
 - a. Push her, slap her, and hit her with her books.
 - b. Take her homework.
 - c. Steal her lunch money.
28. What do Granny Torrelli and Rosie eat with their soup?
 - a. Bread and tea
 - b. Orange salad.
 - c. Peanut butter sandwiches.
29. What was Rosie doing when the mean girls attacked her?
 - a. Riding her bike.

- b. Walking home from school
 - c. Looking for Bailey.
30. How long did it take Rosie to learn Braille?
- a. a month
 - b. 6 months
 - c. a year
31. What did Pardo want Granny Torrelli to do instead of going to America?
- a. Go with him to Australia
 - b. Stay in Italy and marry him
 - c. Take him with her to America
32. Which personality trait does Granny Torelli say she shares with Rosie?
- a. Stubborn
 - b. Brave
 - c. Friendly
33. What was Granny Torrelli's reaction when Rosie told her about Bailey being angry that she could read Braille?
- a. She said Rosie shouldn't be friends with Bailey
 - b. She told Rosie she'd talk to Bailey's mother
 - c. She cried because it reminded her of Pardo
34. How did Pardo die?
- a. Hit by a car.
 - b. Hit by a train.
 - c. Bit by a rabid dog.
35. What was Pardo doing when the train hit him?
- a. Helping Granny Torrelli off the tracks.
 - b. Trying to get Nero's leash untangled
 - c. Walking to visit Granny Torrelli
36. What does Granny Torrelli wish she had done before Pardo died?
- a. Married him.
 - b. Wrote him a letter
 - c. Gone to Italy to visit him.
37. What does Bailey give Rosie when she tells him she doesn't want him to be mad at her for reading Braille?
- a. Braille book
 - b. "I'm sorry" written in Braille
 - c. Flowers
38. What do Granny Torrelli and Rosie take over to Bailey's house after the fight about Rosie learning Braille?
- a. Soup, bread and orange salad
 - b. Flowers
 - c. Pasta and bread
39. Why does Rosie only see Marlee at school?
- a. There is a busy street between their homes.
 - b. Marlee isn't allowed to go out.
 - c. Marlee has to babysit her brother every day after school
40. What does Janine ask Rosie the first time they meet that makes Rosie suspicious?

- a. What is the name of the boy who has trouble seeing?
 - b. Do you want to be best friends?
 - c. Will you let me copy your tests at school?
41. What does Bailey say he is going to teach Janine?
- a. Basketball
 - b. Pasta making
 - c. Braille
42. Why does Janine come to Rosie's house when she, Granny and Bailey are making pasta?
- a. She wants to invite Rosie over to play.
 - b. She is looking for Bailey.
 - c. She wants to go to the pasta party.
43. What did Granny Torrelli do to Violetta when she was a girl?
- a. Cut her long, beautiful hair.
 - b. Took her dog for a walk and lost it.
 - c. Refused to play or talk with her.
44. What did Pardo say when he saw Violetta's hair cut?
- a. Granny Torrelli was mean to cut it.
 - b. Violetta looked like a movie star.
 - c. He liked short hair better.
45. What does Bailey answer when Rosie asks him if he might like Violetta better?
- a. Yes, I do.
 - b. No, I never would.
 - c. I don't think so.
46. What kind of pasta do Bailey, Rosie and Granny Torrelli make?
- a. elbow noodles
 - b. manicotti
 - c. cavatelli
47. How does Marco describe Granny Torrelli?
- a. athletic
 - b. enchanting
 - c. attractive
48. What does Rosie see drive up while she and Bailey are making the meatballs?
- a. a moving van
 - b. an ambulance
 - c. an ice cream truck
49. How many children are in the new family on Rosie's street?
- a. 2 boys
 - b. a boy and a girl
 - c. 2 boys and a girl
50. Who does Rosie see introducing herself to the new boys?
- a. Carmelita, Bailey's mother
 - b. Janine, the new neighbor
 - c. Marlee, her best friend at school
51. What does Rosie say she wants the new boys to teach her?
- a. Soccer

- b. Basketball
 - c. Rollerblading
52. What did Granny Torrelli bring to the Gattozzi family?
- a. Soup and pasta
 - b. Grapefruit and oranges
 - c. Bread and butter
53. Why did Granny go to visit the Gattozzi family in Italy?
- a. Their grandmother was sick
 - b. The mother had died
 - c. The baby was sick
54. What did the Gattozzi baby do when Granny Torrelli reached in to touch her?
- a. Screamed
 - b. Held Granny Torrelli's hand
 - c. Fell asleep
55. What made Granny Torrelli realize she shouldn't be so jealous of Violetta?
- a. She realized it wasn't that important when the Gattozzi baby almost died.
 - b. Pardo's mother told her Pardo liked Granny Torrelli best
 - c. Granny Torrelli decided she liked Marco better anyway
56. What day is the pasta party?
- a. Friday
 - b. Saturday
 - c. Sunday
57. What kind of flowers did Carmelita bring to the pasta party?
- a. Daisies
 - b. Zinnias
 - c. Roses
58. What does Janine bring to the party?
- a. Chocolates
 - b. Fruit
 - c. Bread
59. What do the Jeffersons bring?
- a. Chocolates
 - b. Fruit
 - c. Bread
60. What does "Tutto va bene" mean?
- a. It's time to go to bed.
 - b. All is well.
 - c. The soup tastes good.

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