

# Reading Practice

## **Read the story and answer the questions**

Fahim lived in Footscray with his mother and grandmother. His grandmother was very old. She always brought out photos of when she was his age and showed him what life was like fifty years ago. His grandmother came from India. She used to live in a small house in a city called Bombay.

Fahim liked to hear her stories because they helped him understand his grandmother. When she came to Australia she couldn't speak English at all. She studied hard for many years so that she could talk with her neighbours and her new friends. "It was very difficult", she always told Fahim. He tried to imagine what it would be like having to learn another language. When he looked at his grandmother's photos he sometimes saw signs in the background with a different language on them. He couldn't understand it at all.

Where is Fahim's grandmother from?

Could she speak English when she came to Australia?

Why did Fahim like his grandmother's stories?

What did Fahim's grandmother say about studying English?

What did Fahim see in the photos sometimes?

Do you think learning English is hard?