

**Snapshot Response to
“The Gardener”
by Sarah Stewart**

1. What effect did Lydia Grace’s visit have on Uncle Jim? Why do you think so?

Lydia Grace’s visit made him happier. He almost smiled when he saw the rooftop garden, and he made her a cake out of flowers.

2. Why was Lydia Grace excited about the window boxes and flat rooftop?

She was excited about the window boxes and flat rooftop because she knew she would be able to grow things there. She loved to garden with Grandma, and gardening would make her feel less lonely about being away from home.

3. How did Lydia Grace surprise Uncle Jim? How did Uncle Jim surprise her?

Lydia Grace surprised Uncle Jim by growing so many flowers and making the rooftop into a garden. He surprised her with a cake covered in flowers—and with the news that she would be going home.