

Grab and Go Script: Goodbye to Grandma

Roles:

1. Student who will miss exam
2. Dr. Singh, Faculty member

Student actors should go to the front of the room and sit across from one another. The entire conversation between the student and Dr. Singh happens via email. The student actors should act like they're typing on computers to simulate email exchanges.

Student: I am so not ready to take this exam. I am stressed out, underprepared, and I really think I need a cheeseburger and some fries right now. (*Types email.*) Dear Dr. Singh, I know that our unit exam is tomorrow morning, but I just received word that my grandmother died. I will be travelling home to Ohio late tonight, after I get some things packed up. I will contact you when I get back to campus, probably in a week or so.

Dr. Singh: (*Types email response.*) Thank you for your email. My condolences on your grandmother's passing. As you can imagine, I receive many requests for exam postponement. If you could send me a copy of your grandmother's obituary and/or her funeral program, I will gladly see to it that you can make up the exam upon your return to campus.

Student: Great! Now what am I supposed to do? I know, I'll look up some obituaries. (*Google searches.*) Obituaries... September 20... Oh, here's one. Edna May Hawkins. Aged 88. Died peacefully at home. Former Town Clerk. This should work. Send...

Dr. Singh: Thank you for the obituary. I'm curious though. Ms. Hawkins is from California, while you said you were going home to Ohio.

Student: (*Student sighs.*) Well, she is from California, but our family is all in Ohio, so I'm going home first, then we'll all fly out to California.

Dr. Singh: I see. I'm also puzzled by the fact that Ms. Hawkins, according to her obituary, had no children.

Student: *(Another sigh.)* Well, she didn't, but I call her Grandma because she was my great aunt and we're very close.

Dr. Singh: Do you have any proof that this woman is indeed related to you?

Student: Let me get back to you.