



Oma's Buttons

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Synopsis:

Ruthie loves visiting her Oma. They always have lots of fun together. One day Ruthie finds a pretty tin while playing hide and seek at her Oma's house. It's full of Oma's beautiful 'memory buttons' - each one reminds Oma of a special person in her life and a story to share with Ruthie. And of course Ruthie must have a memory button of her own!

Author Bio

Tania Ingram is an author of children's picture books and novels including the popular *Jinny and Cooper* series. She's had work published in *The School Magazine* and presents at schools and festivals to share her knowledge and love of writing.

Tania's first picture book, *Dog on Log* was published in 2013. This story evolved from a game Tania played with her young daughter. The purpose of the game was to teach rhyme, phonetics and prepositions. Tania sent the story to a publisher and was thrilled when it was picked up for publication.

My Teacher's Big Bad Secret, the first book in the *Jinny and Cooper* series was published in February 2016, and was shortlisted in the 2016 Speech Pathology Book of the Year Awards.

Book #2, *Revenge of the Stone Witch* was also published in February 2016 while Books #3, *Curse of the Genie's Ring* and #4, *Search for the Sea Bogle*, followed in September 2016.

She also has an Aussie Mates book for junior readers, *The Great Barbie Disaster*, which was published in November 2016 and another picture book, *Oma's Buttons*, due for release in 2018.

Tania lives in the Adelaide Hills with her husband and daughter, two guinea pigs, three elderly chickens and a fish called Bionic Mouth.

Illustrator Bio

<http://www.harrison-studios.com/artist-story.html>

Curriculum Links

English:

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Pre Reading

View the cover and title of the book.
Identify the title of the book.
What do you think the story might be about?

Look at the names on the front of the book. There are two names, one is the author, and the other is the illustrator.

Ask the questions:

What does the author do? What does the illustrator do?

Oma has a special tin of 'memory buttons' and each one reminds her of a special person in her life, someone from her family.

Who are the special people in your family? Do you have something that reminds you of them: eg a scarf your Grandma knitted you, or a teddy bear someone gave you when you were born?

History Foundation

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Family Relationships:

Ruthie's Oma is her Grandmother. A Grandma is a member of your family. What relationship is your Grandmother to you?

Create a Family tree to see how Grandma's and Grandpa's fit into your family unit.

See the following pages for Family Tree templates to print

Discussion questions:

Ruthie calls her Grandma Oma. Oma is a German term for Grandma. Different cultures have different names for Grandparents eg:

Polish: Babcia – grandma / Dziadek – grandpa

Italian: Nonna - grandma / Nonno - grandpa

Do you have a special name for your Grandma or Grandpa? What are they? Write these on the board.

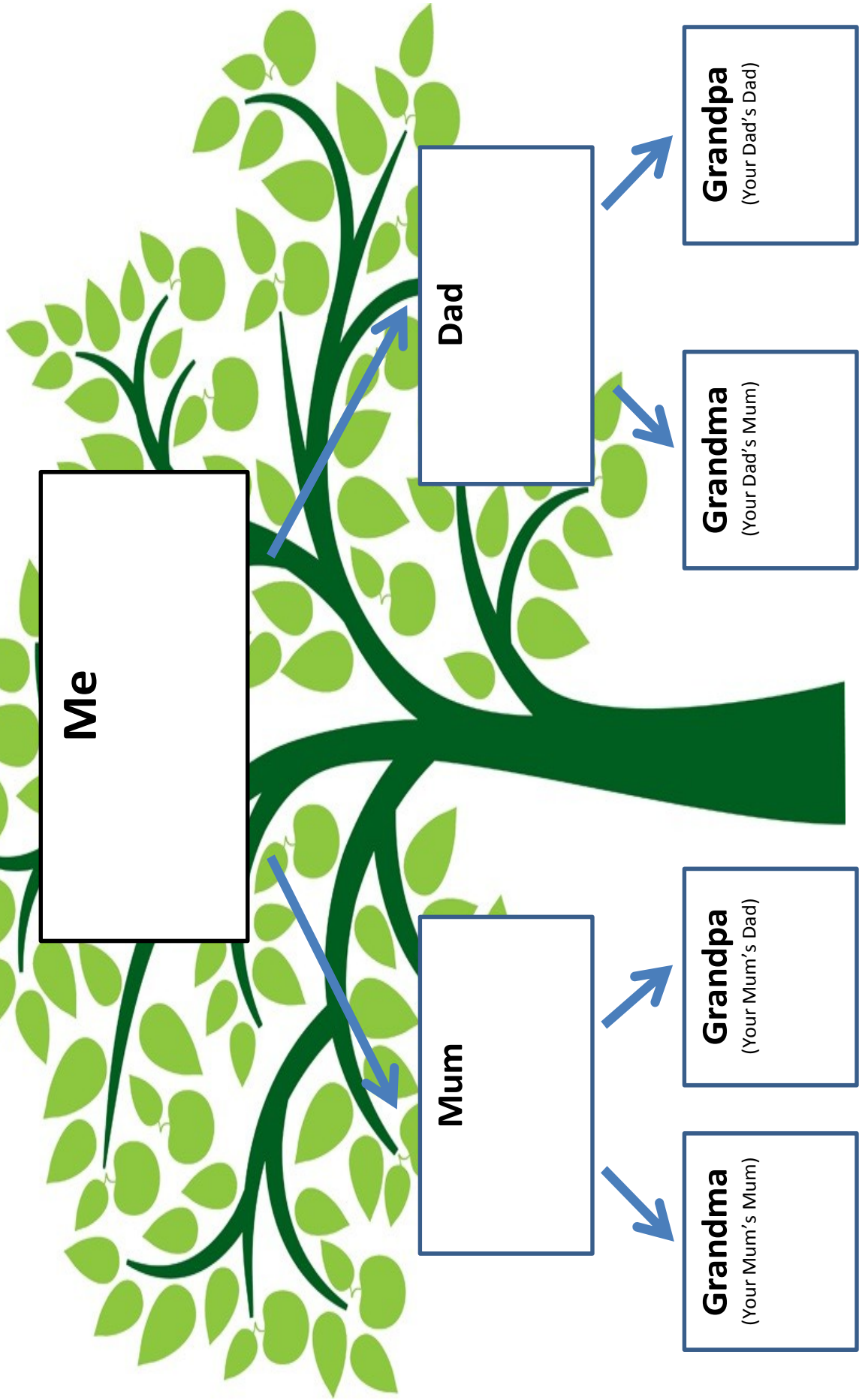
Watch this video about Ishan and his Grandma

<http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/media/2558438/ishan-s-grandmother>

Draw a picture showing something special you might do with your Grandma/Grandpa/Aunt/Uncle (someone in your extended family)



My Family Tree



All families are unique



If you need to add extra people to
your family tree, cut these boxes
out and stick them onto your
tree, and tell us who they are.
