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Text for Section A, an extract from 'Granny' by Anthony Horowitz

Heathrow Airport

The storm broke early in the evening and by seven o'clock it looked as if Heathrow might have to shut down. Runway one had disappeared in the rain. Runway two was a canal. Half the planes had been delayed and the other half were circling hopelessly above the clouds, waiting their turn to land. The wind had blown an Air France DC10 all the way to Luton while, in a jumbo jet from Tokyo, seventy-nine Japanese passengers had all been sick at the same time. It was a night no one would forget.

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The green Mercedes reached the airport at exactly half past seven, skidding round a corner and spraying water over two traffic wardens, a porter and a visitor from Norway. Swerving across the road, it missed a taxi by inches and rocketed into the car park. The electric side window slid down and a hand with a signet ring* and the initials GW entwined in gold reached out to pluck a parking ticket from the machine. Then the car jumped forward again, shot up three ramps with the tyres screaming and crashed into a wall. Ten thousand pounds' worth of metal and paintwork crumpled in on itself. The engine died. Steam hissed from beneath the bent and broken bonnet.

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The door of the car opened and three people got out. The driver was a short, bald man. Next to him was a woman in a fur coat. The back seat had been occupied by a twelve-year-old boy.

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'You told me to park on the fourth floor!' the man screamed. 'The fourth floor!'

'Yes, Gordon ...' the woman muttered.

'But this car park's only got three floors!' the man moaned. He pointed at the wreck of his car. 'And now look what's happened!'

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'Oh, Gordon ...' The woman's lips quivered. For a moment she looked terrified. Then she blinked. 'Does it really matter?' she asked.

The man stared at her. 'You're right!' he exclaimed. He laughed out loud. 'It doesn't matter at all! We're leaving the car here! We'll never see it again ...!'

They only had two suitcases between them. Part of a pink silk tie, a striped pyjama leg and a frilly shower cap were poking out of one side.

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'Come on!' the man exclaimed. 'Let's go ...'

But just then there was a flash of lightning and an explosion of thunder and the three of them froze, alone in the middle of the dimly lit car park. A plane roared past overhead.

'Oh, Gordon ...' the woman whimpered.

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'It's all right,' Gordon snapped. 'She's not here. Keep your hair on. We're going to be all right. I'd keep my hair on except I packed it ...'

'Come on. We've got to get tickets,' the boy said. And without waiting for his parents he began to walk towards the lifts.

Ten minutes later, the family was queuing up at the British Airways ticket desk. After the darkness of the storm, the building was unnaturally bright, like a television set with the colour turned up too much. There were people everywhere, milling around with their suitcases and

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carrier bags. A policeman patrolled the area. He was the only person smiling.

Glossary

signet ring: a finger ring with a person's initials on it

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