



White Hairs

One day, a little girl named Stacey was sitting at the kitchen table watching while her mother washed and dried the dinner dishes.

Stacey noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair among the rest of her dark brown locks, so she asked, "Mom, why are some of your hairs white?"

Her mother answered, "Well, young lady, every time that *you* do something naughty or disobey me, one of my hairs turns white."

Stacey thought about this for a moment and then said, "Well, then, Mom? Why are *all* of *Grandma's* hairs white?"

◆ Vocabulary

strand	–	string, thread
locks	–	hair, curls
naughty	–	bad
for a moment	–	for a short time

◆ Question

What's so funny?

- a. Stacey doesn't think she is naughty.
- b. Stacey suggests that her mother might have been very naughty.

◆ **Remarks**

Mom thought she was going to teach little Stacey a lesson about being naughty. But if a daughter's bad behavior gives her mother white hairs, what does that say about Mom's behavior?!