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## The Mashed Potato Mischief

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary, but students might describe reactions ranging from shock and laughter to curiosity and excitement. Some might try to interact with the mashed potatoes, while others might be wary of them.
2. The mashed potatoes likely felt a sense of purpose and acceptance after Grandma Grace gave them roles at the Thanksgiving table. They might have felt valued and included in the family celebration.
3. Answers will vary, but students might express feelings of surprise, amusement, or frustration at the mashed potato chaos. They might handle it differently by trying to communicate with the mashed potatoes or using a different approach to calm them.
4. The mashed potatoes with quirky personalities added humor and a sense of uniqueness to the Thanksgiving gathering. The family cherished them as a tradition because they turned an ordinary dinner into an unforgettable and entertaining experience.

