**SUMMARY**

2. Read the passage about getting old and fill in the table. You are looking for the good   
things about getting old and the sad things about getting old. **[15]**

## Aspects of being old

There are many good things about being old. You are far more confident than when you were younger. You are mature and knowledgeable. Often, you are quieter because you have learned self-control and that screaming and shouting is not good. You are more experienced. You can spend less money because you do not buy all the things you used to want, and so you can save more money. You have time for yourself, to listen to that great jazz trumpeter you always liked or Sibogile Khumalo singing a lovely piece of opera.

Of course, there are some less pleasant sides to being old. Often, your health is not as good as it was and you have to take more tablets. Perhaps your hair grows thin or you become bald. Maybe you have to buy more wigs. You have more grey hair and more wrinkles, but you also have more nephews and nieces to care for you and respect you. Some days, you might read the death columns more because more of your friends pass away.

**Table**

Write words or short phrases in each column that sum up the main points about being old

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| **Good things about being old** | **Sad things about being old** |
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