

Monday 21.03.22
LO: Comprehension



Help!

The trees were like inky giants menacingly looming over the house with twisted, reaching arms. Their decaying leaves rustled loudly and the air smelled damp.

Lucy arrived at the door. Her chest tightened. Her eyes widened. She lifted her shaking, clammy hand to knock on the door but, before she could touch it, it creaked open...

They wouldn't find her here.

Slowly edging across the threshold, her heart began to pound. Thoughts were racing wildly around her head as she tentatively peered into the darkness, trying to see if the coast was clear. After moments of silence and stillness, she had reassured herself; judging by the state of the house, nobody had ventured there in years.

Relief.

Then, from the floors above, a small, almost inaudible voice called, "Help... me..."

Questions

- 1) Where did the voice come from?
- 2) What is the meaning of 'inaudible'?
- 3) Which word means 'a strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway'?
- 4) Which words give the impression that the trees are alive?
- 5) Why was her heart pounding?
- 6) Which phrases/clauses suggest she is afraid?
- 7) Which clause suggests Lucy is being followed?
- 8) What do you predict Lucy will do next?

Answers

Questions

- 1) Where did the voice come from?
The floors above her
- 2) What is the meaning of 'inaudible'?
Very quiet / almost impossible to hear.
- 3) Which word means 'a strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway'
Threshold
- 4) Which words give the impression that the trees are alive?
Menacingly looming / Reaching arms / leaves rustling loudly
- 5) Why was her heart pounding?
She is scared / she has been running away (implied)
- 6) Which phrases/clauses suggest she is afraid?
Her chest tightened. Her eyes widened. She lifted her shaking, clammy hand
- 7) Which clause suggests Lucy is being followed?
They wouldn't find her here
- 8) What do you predict Lucy will do next?
Various – enter the house / call out: 'who is it?' / run away