

# The Haunted House

# **ANSWER KEY**

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# **Chapter 1 Three Friends**

#### Vocabulary 1

Match the words with their meanings:

The time when there are no lessons at school = e. break
 A dead person who moves around a house = a. ghost
 Not clever, silly = b. stupid
 Something exciting which happens = d. adventure
 Go away from somewhere without telling anyone = c. escape

Now use the words to complete these sentences:

- 1. Swee Lim doesn't like stupid people.
- 2. A haunted house has a *ghost* inside it.
- 3. The three friends were bored and wanted to have an adventure.
- 4. The friends were talking to each other during the school **break**.
- 5. They **escaped** from school without telling their teacher.

#### Vocabulary 2 Anagrams

Unscramble the letters to find words from the story:

1.	ever daunt	=	adventure	(Something exciting)
2.	peaces	=	escape	(Go away without permission)
3.	baker	=	break	(When there are no lessons)
4.	Goths	=	ghost	(Spirit of a dead person)
5.	pi dust	=	stupid	(Silly)
6.	undeath	=	haunted	(When a ghost lives there.)
7.	any coders	=	secondary	(It comes after primary school)
8.	aide	=	idea	(Something you think up)
9.	xenic git	=	exciting	(Opposite of 'boring')
10	pest ran	=	parents	(Mum and dad)



# **COMPREHENSION 1**

Choose the best answer for each question:

	a. Swee Lim
2.	Whose parents were talking about the old haunted house? b. Chong Mek
3.	Who thought the haunted house sounded exciting? c. Soon Lee
4.	Who thought the haunted house sounded stupid?  a. Swee Lim
5.	The old haunted house was not far from House. b. Chong Mek's
	PREHENSION 2 STIONS: Answer these questions in FULL sentences
	Who did Chong Mek's mother speak to that morning?     She spoke to Madam Tan that morning.
	2. Where was the old house?
	<ul> <li>The old house was near the river.</li> <li>Who saw someone in the old house?</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Madam Tan's brother saw someone in the old house.</li><li>4. How long has the old house been empty?</li></ul>
	<ul><li>The old house has been empty for ten years.</li><li>What did Madam Tan's brother do then?</li><li>Madam Tan's brother went to the house to have a look</li></ul>
	madam ran e biother wont to the house to have a rook.

1. Which of the three friends had the idea to escape from school?



6.	What did he see in the house?
	He saw something big and black.
7.	What did he hear?
	He heard a loud noise.
8.	What did he do then?
	He ran away as fast as he could.
9.	Does Chong Mek's father believe in ghosts?
	No, he doesn't believe in ghosts.
10.	What does Chong Mek's mother want to tell the children?

#### **GAPFILL 1** Verbs

Three friends were talking during the school break. Chong Mek, Swee Lim and Soon Lee <u>were feeling</u> bored. All of them were in Year 9 in secondary school and <u>did not enjoy</u> school very much.

She wants to tell the children not to go near the house.

'I'm bored,' said Swee Lim. 'I really don't want to be here!'

'Me too,' said Chong Mek. 'What shall we do?'

The three friends **didn't speak** for a few moments. Then Swee Lim **had** an idea.

'I know what we can do,' she said. 'Let's escape from school.'

'What? Now?' asked Soon Lee.

'Yes, why not?' replied Swee Lim. 'Let's do something exciting!'

'What, for example?' asked Soon Lee.

'I <u>don't know,</u>' answered Swee Lim, 'but anything is better than Maths next lesson.'

'I've got an idea,' said Chong Mek. 'Last night I <u>heard</u> my parents talking. They <u>were talking</u> about an old house not far from where I live. It's an old house and nobody <u>lives / is living</u> there anymore. People say it's haunted.'



#### **GAPFILL 2**

Three friends were talking during the school <u>break</u>. Chong Mek, Swee Lim and Soon were feeling <u>bored</u>. All of them were in Year 9 in secondary school and did not enjoy school very much.

'I'm bored,' said Swee Lim. 'I really don't want to be here!'

'Me too,' said Chong Mek. 'What shall we do?'

The three friends didn't speak for a few moments. Then Swee Lim had an *idea*.

'I know what we can do,' she said. 'Let's escape from school.'

'What? Now?' asked Soon Lee.

'Yes, why not?' replied Swee Lim. 'Let's do something exciting.'

'What, for example?' asked Soon Lee.

'I don't know,' answered Swee Lim, 'but anything is better than Maths next lesson.'

'I've got an idea,' said Chong Mek. 'Last night I heard my parents talking. They were talking about an old house not <u>far</u> from where I live. It's an old house and nobody lives there anymore. People say it's <u>haunted</u>.'

'What do you mean? There's a *ghost* there?' asked Swee Lim.

'That's what people say,' replied Chong Mek.

'That sounds exciting!' said Soon Lee.

'Sounds *stupid*!' said Swee Lim. 'You don't believe in ghosts, do you?'

'I don't know,' answered Chong Mek. 'But maybe we could take a look.'

'Yes, let's do that,' said Soon Lee. 'Anything's better than Maths!'

And so the three friends decided to escape from school and go to the old, haunted house. I'm sure they had no idea of the **adventure** which was waiting for them there!



# **Chapter 2 The Haunted House**

#### Vocabulary 1

Match the words with their meanings:

1.	The head teacher of a school	=	e. Principal
2.	Repairing	=	c. mending
3.	Makes you feel afraid	=	b. frightening
4.	When a ghost lives there	=	f. haunted
5.	Very bad	=	a. terrible
6.	Not normal, unusual	=	d. strange

Now use some of the words to complete these sentences. (You might need to change the form of the word):

- 1. After the storm, he had to **mend** the roof, which the wind had blown off.
- 2. The <u>Principal</u> of the school told all the students they should not leave school without permission.
- 3. There was a <u>terrible</u> accident at the corner of High Street and Low Street. Five people were killed when a bus driver lost control.
- 4. John is a very <u>strange</u> boy. He doesn't have any friends and locks himself in his room all day.

#### Vocabulary 2 Anagrams

Use the clues to help find the jumbled words:

1.	TREEN	ENTER	Clue:	go inside
2.	OLFLOW	<b>FOLLOW</b>	Clue:	go behind
3.	KARD	DARK	Clue:	not light
4.	HAD SOW	SHADOW	Clue:	a dark shape
5.	PEACES	<b>ESCAPE</b>	Clue:	leave without permission
6.	MING DEN	MENDING	Clue:	repairing, fixing
7.	PAIL CRINP	PRINCIPAL	Clue:	head of the school
8.	SET GRAN	STRANGE	Clue:	not normal



#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

If a sentence is FALSE, underline the word which shows it's not correct.

1.	It took the three friends almost half an hour to drive	TRUE
	to the old house.	
2.	The school Principal didn't see the three friends	TRUE
	leaving school.	
3.	The house was dirty and broken down.	TRUE
4.	Chong Mek thought he saw someone looking out of	FALSE
	the window at the top of the house.	
5.	They <u>saw</u> a shadow behind them as they went into	FALSE
	the house.	

#### **Comprehension 2 Multiple Choice**

Circle the best answer for each question:

- 1. How long did it take the friends to walk to the old house? c. Less than half an hour.
- 2. Who thought they saw someone in the house? a. Soon Lee
- 3. Which one was afraid when they saw the house? a. Soon Lee
- 4. Which one entered the house last of all? a. Soon Lee
- 5. Who pushed open the big main door?b. Chong Mek



#### Gapfill 1 Prepositions

Complete the gaps with prepositions:

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The old house was about two kilometres 1. <u>from</u> school. It took almost thirty minutes to walk there. They were very careful that Mr Koh, the school Principal, didn't see them escaping 2. <u>out of / from</u> school.

When they reached the old house, the three friends stopped 3. <u>in front of</u> the house. It was quite large but it needed some repairs: the roof needed mending, the walls needed painting and the windows needed cleaning. As they looked 4. <u>at</u> the house, Soon Lee thought he saw someone looking 5. <u>out of</u> the window at the top of the house.

#### Gapfill 2 Adjectives

Complete the gaps with suitable **adjectives** to describe the scene:

'It looks quite 1. *frightening* to me. Are you sure no one lives there?' said Soon Lee. 'I told you, it's 2. *empty*,' said Chong Mek.

'Are you sure you want to go in there?' asked Soon Lee.

'Of course,' said Swee Lim. 'That's why we've come here, isn't it?'

'I'm sure it's not really 3. <u>haunted</u>,' said Chong Mek. 'Let's go inside. You can stay here if you're 4.afraid / frightened of ghosts!' he said to Soon Lee.

'Wh..what? Me afraid? Never!' said Soon Lee, and he followed his friends through the gate and walked to the front door.

'What now?' asked Chong Mek, as the three friends waited in front of the main door.

'Let's go inside!' said Swee Lim.

'OK,' said Chong Mek, and he pushed the big, 5. *heavy* door open.

Slowly the door opened. They looked inside. It was 6. <u>dark</u> and there was a 7. <u>strange</u> smell. As they entered the house the door slowly closed behind them. They didn't see the shadow behind them but they did hear the door as it closed with a 8. *loud 'BANG'*.



# **Chapter 3 The Shadow**

#### Vocabulary 1

Match the words with their meanings:

1. to shout =	i.	to speak very loudly	У
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2. fear = d. when you are afraid you feel this

3. towards = g. in the direction of a place

4. to panic = e. if you are *very* afraid you might do this

5. both = h. two together, not only one person

6. pain = a. something which hurts

7. a mess = j. untidy, maybe dirty, not organized

8. to breathe = b. to take in air

9. glad = f. happy

10. stupid = c. silly, not clever

Now use some of the words above to complete these sentences:

- 1. When he cut himself with the knife he felt a great deal of *pain*.
- 2. I haven't cleaned my room for a long time. It's a real *mess*!
- 3. I can stay underwater for about two minutes but then I have to come up to **breathe**.
- 4. There's no need to **shout**. I can hear you quite clearly.
- 5. He was walking **towards** the station when he saw the post office on the right.
- 6. If you see a snake, don't *panic*; just stay calm and walk away.
- 7. John and I were **both** very **glad** to see you again.
- 8. Don't be so **stupid!** Stop acting like a baby!



#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

Decide whether the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

1.	Swee Lim thought the noise was made by the wind.	TRUE
2.	Soon Lee fell over his friends.	FALSE
3.	Soon Lee was screaming because of the	FALSE
	pain in his leg.	
4.	Chong Mek thought the cat was stupid.	FALSE
5.	As soon as Soon Lee got out of the house he ran	TRUE
	back to school.	
6.	Swee Lim and Chong Mek ran back inside the house.	FALSE

#### **Comprehension 2 Multiple Choice**

Circle the best answer for each question:

- 1. Who went into the house first?
  - a. Swee Lim
- 2. Who saw the shadow first?
  - c. Soon Lee
- 3. Why did Swee Lim and Chong Mek start to panic? b. They heard Soon Lee shouting.
- When they saw the cat, which one *DID NOT* laugh?
   c. Soon Lee
- 5. How many of the friends went back inside the house? b. Two

#### Gapfill 1 Verbs

Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb:

'What was that?' shouted Soon Lee.

'I don't know!' replied Chong Mek. You *(1)* <u>could</u> hear the fear in his voice. Even he was starting *(2)* <u>to feel</u> a little afraid.



'Oh, it's nothing to be afraid of,' said Swee Lim. 'I'm sure it was only the wind.' She walked into the darkness, not really sure where she (3) <u>was going</u>. She walked slowly, step by step. Her friends followed her. Then they saw it: a dark shadow (4) <u>moving</u> / was <u>moving</u> quickly across the room.

Soon Lee saw it first. He gave a loud scream and started (5) <u>running / to run</u> towards the door. But he couldn't see anything in the darkness and (6) <u>fell</u> over a small table. He screamed even more loudly as he fell onto the floor. His leg (7) <u>hurt / was hurting</u> but it was the fear that made him scream.

'Help! Help! It's going (8) to kill me!' he screamed in fear. When they heard him, his two friends started (9) to panic, and they, too, tried to escape from the darkness of the haunted house. But they didn't get very far. They both fell over Soon Lee, who was still lying on the ground, (10) calling out in pain.

#### Gapfill 2 Prepositions

Complete the gaps with suitable prepositions:

'What was that?' shouted Soon Lee.

'I don't know!' replied Chong Mek. You could hear the fear *(1)* <u>in</u> his voice. Even he was starting to feel a little afraid.

'Oh, it's nothing to be afraid (2) of,' said Swee Lim. 'I'm sure it was only the wind.' She walked into the darkness, not really sure where she was going. She walked slowly, step (3) by step. Her friends followed her. Then they saw it: a dark shadow moving quickly (4) across the room.

Soon Lee saw it first. He gave a loud scream and started to run (5) towards the door. But he couldn't see anything in the darkness and fell (6) over a small table. He screamed even more loudly as he fell onto the floor. His leg was hurting but it was the fear that made him scream.

'Help! Help! It's going to kill me!' he screamed (7) <u>in</u> fear. When they heard him, his two friends started to panic, and they, too, tried to escape (8) <u>from</u> the darkness of the haunted house. But they didn't get very far. They both fell (9) <u>over</u> Soon Lee, who was still lying on the ground, calling (10) <u>out</u> in pain.



# **Chapter 4 The Cupboard Under the Stairs**

# Vocabulary 1

Match the words with their meanings:

1.	kitchen	=	e. the room where you prepare food
2.	fridge	=	b. where you keep things cold
3.	cupboard	=	c. this is where you keep things
4.	terrible	=	g. really bad
5.	empty	=	f. nothing inside
6.	electricity	=	d. the power you need to make things work
7.	corner	=	h. where two walls or streets meet
8.	such as	=	a. for example

#### Now use the words above to complete the sentences:

- 1. The milk bottle is **empty** so I'll have to buy some more.
- 2. You have to put the meat in the *fridge* or it'll go bad.
- 3. After cooking dinner the <u>kitchen</u> was in a <u>terrible</u> mess and needed cleaning.
- 4. She enjoys reading books about magic <u>such as</u> Harry Potter books and Lord of the Rings.
- 5. She's got lots of books and keeps them all in a large *cupboard*.
- 6. There was a bad accident at the **corner** of High Street and Long Road.
- 7. You can't use the computer as there's no *electricity* in the house.

#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

1.	There was a <u>nice</u> smell in the house.	FALSE
2.	The smell was coming from the bedroom upstairs.	<b>FALSE</b>
3.	Something in the fridge smelled really bad.	<b>FALSE</b>
4.	There was no light in the fridge.	TRUE
5.	There was something dead inside the fridge.	<b>FALSE</b>
6.	There were two cupboards in the kitchen.	TRUE
7.	The smell seemed to come from a cupboard in the corner.	TRUE
8.	Swee Lim gave a loud scream when she looked inside	
	the cupboard under the stairs.	<b>FALSE</b>



#### **Comprehension 2 Multiple choice**

- 1. Who opened the fridge door?
  - a. Chong Mek
- 2. Where was the food cupboard?
  - a. Next to the fridge
- 3. What do people usually put in the cupboard under the stairs?
  - a. Things to clean the house
- 4. Who opened the door to the cupboard under the stairs?
  - b. Swee Lim
- 5. What did they see in the cupboard under the stairs?
  - c. Something scary

#### Gapfill 1 Prepositions

As they walked (1) <u>into</u> the kitchen, the smell seemed to come (2) <u>from</u> one corner. (3) <u>In</u> the corner was another large cupboard. It was the cupboard (4) <u>under</u> the stairs, usually where people keep things such as brushes and other things to clean the house. Swee Lim went (5) <u>to / towards</u> the cupboard and slowly opened the door.

She tried to scream but no noise came *(6) out*. Chong Mek saw the fear *(7) in* her face and ran to her. They could not believe their eyes when they looked *(8) inside* the cupboard!

#### Gapfill 2 Verbs

As they walked through the darkness they *(1)* <u>could</u> still smell something very bad. 'What can that smell be?' asked Swee Lim.

'I (2) don't know,' answered Chong Mek, 'but it (3) doesn't smell good.'

They followed the smell which (4) <u>took</u> them to the kitchen. Swee Lim (5) <u>opened</u> the kitchen door and went in. The smell was really bad in there.

'Pooh! That *(6) is* really terrible. 'What *(7) do* you *think* it is?'

'It smells like something dead. Let's have a look in the fridge.'

Chong Mek opened the fridge and looked inside. There *(8)* <u>was</u> no light in the fridge because the electricity was not on. He looked inside.

'It's empty,' he said. 'The smell (9) is not coming from here.'

'Let's *(10)* <u>take</u> a look in the food cupboard,' said Swee Lim, and she opened the door of a large cupboard next to the fridge.



# Sequencing

Put the sentences in the correct order. Write numbers in the boxes, starting with the number 1:

Swee Lim saw something which frightened her.	=	8
The two friends went into the kitchen.	=	1
First they went to the fridge.	=	2
Swee Lim opened the door but saw nothing.	=	6
Chong Mek opened the door.	=	3
Then they went to the food cupboard.	=	5
He couldn't see anything inside.	=	4
Finally they went to a large cupboard in the corner.	=	7



# **Chapter 5 The Room at the Top of the Stairs**

#### Vocabulary 1

Find words in the passage which mean the following:

1. A book for people to write about their feelings	diary
2. Insects that like to buzz around bad meat	flies
3. When you write by hand, not using a computer or typewriter	handwriting
4. Take away the flesh and meat and you have these	bones
5. When you walk, you make these	footsteps
6. Something exciting that happens	adventure
7. Could, perhaps, maybe	might
8. Small creatures e.g. mosquitoes and bugs	insects

#### Vocabulary 2 Opposites

Write the opposites of the highlighted words:

So they found the stairs and <u>slowly</u> walked up, in the direction of the noise. They came to a room at the <u>top</u> of the stairs. The door was <u>open</u> just a little and so they looked inside. They couldn't see anyone in the room so they went <u>inside</u>, The room was large and <u>cold.</u> In one corner was a large bed. In the middle of the room was a table. On the table was a <u>heavy</u> book. It was open.

#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

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the cupboard under the stairs.	
2. When they heard the noise, both the friends wanted to	TRUE
leave the house.	
3. When they went upstairs, they saw a room.	TRUE
4. They saw someone inside the room so they went inside.	<b>FALSE</b>
5. The room was hot and small.	<b>FALSE</b>
6. There was bed in the middle of the room.	<b>FALSE</b>
7. There was a large book on the bed.	<b>FALSE</b>
8. The handwriting in the book was easy to read.	<b>FALSE</b>

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#### **Comprehension 2**

Write short answers for these questions:

1. What did they see in the cupboard under the stairs? (3 things)

Answer: Bones, flies and insects

2. Why did Swee Lim close the door quickly?

Answer: She felt sick

3. What did they hear as they were leaving the house?

Answer. Footsteps upstairs

4. Why did they go inside the room? (2 reasons)

**Answer**: First of all **the door was open** 

and also *they couldn't see anyone inside* 

5. Where did they see a book?

Answer: On a desk in the middle of the room

6. What sort of book was it?

Answer. A diary

7. How did they feel when they read the diary? How do you know this?

Answer. Scared because the hairs on the back of their necks stood

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# **Chapter 6 The Diary**

#### Vocabulary 1 Feelings

Find **SIX** words in the diary which show **FEELINGS**:

1. unhappy 2. angry 3. afraid 4. sad 5. sorry 6. tired

#### Vocabulary 2

1. Water which falls from the eyes tears 2. Part of the face, on each side of the nose cheeks The top part of the house 3. = attic 4. To walk after follow = 5. You can use this to climb up to a high place = ladder Part of the room which is opposite the floor 6. ceilina =

#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

- 1. The diary pages were dated the last two days of May. *FALSE*
- 2. Both pages were written in the evening. **FALSE**
- 3. The 'visitor' won't talk at all. **TRUE**
- 4. The person writing the diary hates the 'visitor'. **FALSE**
- 5. The person writing the diary probably climbed the ladder to the attic. **TRUE**
- 6. As soon as they read the diary the two friends left the house. *FALSE*
- 7. They heard someone crying upstairs in the attic. **TRUE**
- 8. Someone told them to climb the ladder to the attic. **FALSE**

#### Comprehension 2 Multiple choice

- 1. Why did the 'visitor' come to the house?
  - c. We don't know the answer.
- 2. Why is the writer afraid to go to the attic?
  - a. Because something bad happened there a few years ago.
- 3. Why does the writer go up to the attic?
  - b. She feels she has to follow the 'visitor'.
- 4. What was the first thing the two friends heard upstairs?
  - c. A woman crying quietly.
- 5. When they first heard the woman upstairs, what did they want to do? b. Leave the house immediately.



# Chapter 7 The Woman in White

# Vocabulary 1

Find words in the story which mean the same as these:

1.	Very, very cold	freezing
2.	When you are cold or afraid, your body shakes	shiver
3.	Water turns into this at zero degrees	ice
4.	When you can't see something anymore, it goes away	disappear
5.	Skin which is not smooth	wrinkled
6.	Part of the body which pumps blood	heart

# Vocabulary 2 Opposites

Find opposites for these words:

	OPPOSITE
beautiful	ugly
fast	slow(ly)
white	black
smooth	wrinkled
love	hate
closed	open(ed)

# Vocabulary 3 Similes: comparing two things

1.	As red as <b>blood</b>	6.	As hard as a <i>rock</i>
2.	As quiet as a <i>mouse</i>	7.	As fierce as a <i>lion</i>
3.	As black as <i>night</i>	8.	As gentle as a <i>lamb</i>
4.	As cold as <i>ice</i>	9.	As green as <i>grass</i>
5.	As blind as a <i>bat</i>	10	. As high as a <i>mountail</i>



#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

1.	Chong Mek was the first to reach the attic.	TRUE
2.	He could see quite clearly when he got there.	FALSE
3.	The first thing he saw was the face of a beautiful	FALSE
	woman.	
4.	The woman's dress was like her hair, long and white.	TRUE
5.	As soon as they entered the attic the woman in white	FALSE
	stopped crying.	
6.	As soon as the woman stopped crying, Swee Lim	FALSE
	closed her eyes.	
7.	When she opened her eyes, she could see a beautiful F.	ALSE

# Comprehension 2 Multiple choice

woman.

Circle the best answer for each question:

- Why were their hearts beating fast? 1.
  - c. Because they were afraid.
- Why could they see their breath? 2.
  - a. Because it was cold.
- 3. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about the woman Chong Mek saw?
  - a. She had smooth, green skin.
- 4. The woman Swee Lim saw had.....
  - b. black, angry eyes.
- 5. Who screamed out in fear?
  - a. Swee Lim



# **Chapter 8 The End**

# Vocabulary 1

Match the words with their meanings:

1. Not asleep g. awake A message or sign telling you about a danger = 2. e. warning Take care of something, keep it safe 3. a. protect If no one else is there with you, you are ... 4. h. alone 5. If people want you to be there, you are... b. welcome 6. A different person d. someone else 7. People who come to see a place c. visitors  $\odot$ 8. f. smile

# Vocabulary 2 Opposites

Find the opposites of these words:

1. beautiful	ugly
2. young	old
3. empty	full
4. asleep	awake
5. finished	started
6. find	lose
7. more	less
8. appeared	disappeared
9. alive	dead
10.happy	sad / unhappy
11. quickly	slowly
12.false	true / real



#### Comprehension 1 TRUE or FALSE?

1.	Chong Mek screamed loudly when he woke up.	FALSE
2.	The woman in white was really a beautiful, young woman.	<b>FALSE</b>
3.	As they looked at her, the woman in white seemed to	TRUE
	become very large.	
4.	The woman became more and more angry as she spoke.	<b>FALSE</b>
5.	The window in the attic looked down on the woman's	<b>FALSE</b>
	bedroom.	
6.	Swee Lim thought the cupboard under the stairs was	<b>FALSE</b>
	a good place to be.	
7.	The two friends didn't want to stay in the attic.	TRUE
8.	Swee Lim smiled because she was happy the	<b>FALSE</b>
	old woman had disappeared.	

# **Comprehension 2 Multiple choice questions**

Choose the best answer for each question:

- 1. Which one of these did **NOT** happen?
  - a. The room seemed to become very large.
- 2. How long had their adventure in the house lasted?
  - c. One evening
- 3. Why couldn't the two friends leave the attic?
  - c. The door disappeared.
- 4. What will probably happen at the end of the story?
  - c. Soon Lee will have to stay in the attic.
- 5. Why must someone stay in the attic?
  - a. To keep the house safe from unwelcome people.

#### Writing

Put these sentences into the correct order as they happened in the story:

The door disappeared.	=	6
Swee Lim screamed.	=	1
The old woman disappeared.	=	5
Swee Lim smiled.	=	7
The room seemed to become less cold.	=	4
The old woman spoke angrily.	=	3
Chong Mek saw the woman as she really was.	=	2