

Guided Reading - independent task

Chilli One (Q1-2) Chilli two (O1 – 4) Chilli three (Q1-6)

The door creaked open slowly, the smell of rotting wood and danger filled her nostrils. She gazed into the hallway, looking at the broken tables, chairs, and peeling wallpaper. The lights flickered in the darkness, revealing a room of long-lost memories. Although abandoned, the house was alive with the whispers of those that had once lived amongst the walls. Spiders and rats scurried across broken floorboards and she could hear the whistling of the wind outside. A chandelier hung above the staircase, gently swaying from side to side and glass was scattered across the floor. The taste of dust and salty tears hit the back of her throat as she inhaled the polluted air. She felt the glass crunch beneath her feet as hundreds of eyes watched on in curiosity.

1. Complete the following using the text above.

What can the character see?	
What can the character hear?	
What can the character smell?	
What can the character taste?	
What can the character feel?	

2. How is the character feeling in this story? Explain your answer.
3. Why was the chandelier swaying from side to side?
4. Who do you think was watching the character in the house?
5. Why do you think she could taste “salty tears”?
6. What do you think the author meant by “the house was alive”?