



## Voices In The Dark

**Directions:** Read the paragraph below silently to understand what is happening. Read the paragraph aloud in a **neutral voice** first. Re-read the paragraph aloud, this time pretending you are a specific character (for example: a pirate, a robot, a superhero, or a nervous child). Change your **tone, pitch, and style** to match the character voice. After practicing, answer the comprehension questions.

Oliver peeked around the corner of the dark hallway. His heart raced as he clutched the flashlight, trying not to make a sound. A sudden creak in the floorboards made him freeze. "Who's there?" he whispered, his voice shaky but determined. Slowly, he stepped forward, determined to solve the mystery of the strange noise.

### Comprehension Questions

1. What was Oliver holding in his hand?

2. What sound made him freeze?

3. What was Oliver trying to solve?