

## Voices In The Dark Answer Key

1. A flashlight.
2. A creak in the floorboards.
3. The mystery of the strange noise.

### Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** This activity strengthens fluency by combining **expression, character perspective, and dramatic reading**. By imagining a voice, students build prosody and confidence.
- **Implementation Tips:**
  - Model the passage twice: once neutral and once in a character voice (e.g., a pirate or robot).
  - Encourage creativity; students should exaggerate tone, pitch, or rhythm to fit the character style.
  - Discuss how reading with character voice changes the **feeling and mood** of the paragraph.
- **Differentiation:**
  - Struggling readers may start with simpler characters (robot = slow, monotone; superhero = loud, bold).
  - Advanced readers can invent their own character style and explain why they chose it.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students pair up, assign each a different character voice, and act out the paragraph like a mini-drama to enhance both fluency and comprehension.