

Whispers at Midnight

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Pay close attention to the **dialogue** between characters. Dialogue often reveals personality, emotions, relationships, and helps move the plot forward. After reading, answer the questions by analyzing what the characters' words show about who they are and what is happening in the story.

The Midnight Plan

Leah leaned out the window, whispering urgently. "Are you sure this is a good idea, Tom?" Tom grinned in the moonlight. "Of course it is. We'll be legends at school if we pull this off." Leah frowned. "But sneaking into the old library after hours? What if we get caught?"



"That's the point," Tom replied. "Nobody else has ever dared. Don't you want to know what's hidden in those locked cabinets?" Leah hesitated, her voice dropping. "I do want to know... but I don't want to ruin everything if we get suspended." Tom's smile softened. "I promise we'll be careful. Trust me, Leah. This is our chance to finally discover the truth about that place."

1. What does Leah's dialogue reveal about her personality?
2. What does Tom's dialogue reveal about his personality?
3. How does this conversation help move the plot forward?
4. Based on their dialogue, what possible conflict might develop later in the story?