

# Fear

## Answers

1. Find three adjectives which describe the street.

‘pitch-black’, ‘deserted’, ‘empty’

2. Why do you think the phrase ‘on and off’ is repeated?

E.g. It helps you picture the light flickering in the darkness.

3. What is another verb for ‘lurk’?

E.g. hide, skulk, prowl, loiter

4. Find two expanded noun phrases which show what the narrator is afraid of.

E.g. ‘black storm clouds’, ‘a pitch-black, / Deserted, and empty street’

5. Where do you think the narrator could be?

What evidence can you find in the text to support your idea?

E.g. The narrator could be in their bedroom ‘looking out’ of the window in the ‘darkest hour’ of the night.

6. What is the meaning of ‘desolate’? Use a dictionary to help you.

E.g. gloomy, deserted, barren, bleak, grim

7. Why do you think the poet writes, ‘STOP LOOKING!’ and ‘SWITCH ON THE LIGHT!’ at the end?

E.g. To remind the reader that sometimes fear is just your mind imagining things that could happen, rather than what you can actually see.

