

# Comprehension Activity – The Bottom of the Stairs

1. What three things does Catherine imagine happens in the dark?
2. Give **one** reason why Catherine **might not** have been afraid and **one** reason why she **might have** been.
3. How would you have felt going down the stairs into the basement?
4. Why do you think the end of the story could be described as a ‘cliff hanger’?
5. In what part of the text does Catherine’s journey begin? Why have you chosen that part?
6. Why do you think the author tells us that Catherine clenched her jaw?
7. What do you think the writer wants us to understand about Catherine?
8. What features of this text link to fairy tales?

