



## *The Ghost of Northumberland Strait*

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### Chapter Two – Reading Comprehension Questions – Answer Key:

1. "...where we place our hands on our knees and gasp for breath." (page 13) Why are Charly and Derek doing this?
  - a. They are ducking in case someone comes after them.
  - b. They are weak with fear and can't breathe.
  - c. They ran so fast they're out of breath.
  - d. They're so scared that they're out of breath.
  
2. What does Derek say that makes Charly think he's trying to impress Nikki?
  - a. He is a very good student.
  - b. He's not afraid of ghosts.
  - c. His family has a piano Nikki could play.
  - d. He is learning to play guitar.
  
3. When Mark slams the woodbox lid shut on page 9, Nikki and Charly pretend not to notice the loud noise. Why?
  - a. The girls are pretending they are deaf.
  - b. The girls don't want Mark to know he startled them.
  - c. The girls are mad at Mark and are ignoring him.
  - d. The girls don't think it's important that Mark slammed the lid shut.
  
4. "He reaches in and pulls out a dry log, bits of ancient bark falling onto the worn linoleum." (page 8) What is linoleum?
  - a. footprints
  - b. patterned carpet
  - c. smooth floor-covering
  - d. workboots
  
5. What sound do Derek and Charly hear after they leave the house?
  - a. a baby crying
  - b. a whale
  - c. a soft sound
  - d. footsteps