

My Least Favorite Place

Directions: Find the meaning of each underlined word in the story below. Put the letter of the answer on the blank line. Use the definitions box to help you.

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| A. uncomfortable, anxious | D. a room directly below the |
| B. frightened scream | roof of a building |
| C. shake, tremble | E. having no light |

1. _____ I'll tell you this: I will never go up in the ¹attic of our house again! There are no windows up there, and the light switch isn't even close to the door.
2. _____ Being in that kind of ²darkness—even if it's only for a few seconds—
3. _____ makes me very ³uneasy. So of course my mom sent me up there the other day to get something for her. I had just closed the door behind me when I heard a very scary creaking sound. I was so freaked out, I started to
4. _____ ⁴shiver. Another sound. Whatever it was, it sounded like it was coming toward me and then backing away again. "Hello?" I said. No answer, just that sound again. I had to stop myself from letting out a ⁵shriek. I was
5. _____ shaking as I reached for the light switch. Creak! Creak! I hit the switch. It was my cat, Sadie, rolling around on an old rocking chair. Who knows what it could have been, though. I'm not taking any chances!

Directions: Spell each new word three times.

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| 1. attic | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. darkness | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. uneasy | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. shiver | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. shriek | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Activity: In the following groups of words, circle the one that doesn't belong.

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| 1. uneasy | nervous | calm | restless |
| 2. shiver | shudder | quiver | dance |
| 3. darkness | brightness | glow | shine |
| 4. shriek | speak | screech | squeal |
| 5. attic | kitchen | table | bathroom |