



KS3 English Language Reading – Ghosts

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She is unsettled: “Everything looked higgledy-piggledy and out of place: just like she felt.”
2. What are your first impressions of the cottage? Find evidence in the text to back up your impressions.
It is old – it has a “rusty gate”, “beamed structure” and “crooked chimney”.
It is unwelcoming – “The whole building looked forbidding”.
It is uncared for – it has a bathroom which needs “TLC”.
3. Has Maya been to the house before? How do you know?
No – she is told about the layout and number of bedrooms by her Aunt, which suggests she has not visited herself.
4. What is the strange incident at the end of the extract?
Maya sees a figure in one of the windows, although the house is supposed to be empty.
5. Roughly, how old is Maya? How do you know this?
She is of primary school age. She carries “Brown Bear” and refers to her teacher, “Mrs Watkins”. Aunt Trix has to look down to meet her eye, and she clutches onto Aunt Trix’s coat as a child would.