

Prior Learning: Children will have looked at the front cover and blurb in the previous reading session.

Reading Task: Read Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

Reading Questions and Example Answers:

Chapter 1

Page 1:

What are the names of the main characters?

Page 1 - 4:

Can you describe the main characters? What are their personalities like?

Page 5:

What does the word *ricocheting* mean?

Chapter 2

Page 9:

What word or phrase tells you that the attic was not what Tilda had expected?

Page 11-12:

How did Charlie find the hidden panel?

Chapter 3

Page 16:

How did Tilda know that the hidden room would be different?

Page 16:

Find a word or phrase that describes the smell of the hidden room.

Page 1-16:

Where is the story set?

Deeper Reading:

What do you think happened to Professor Howe? Find evidence to justify your answer.

Write three questions about these chapters for your partner to answer. Can you identify the page numbers where they will find the answers?

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