

Read the story carefully. Then answer the questions using clues from the text.

Leo's Night Shadows: What Can You Infer?

Leo snuggled deep under his covers. The room was very dark.

Outside, a gentle wind rustled the leaves, making soft scratching sounds near his window. Leo squeezed his eyes shut tight, then opened them just a tiny bit. The shadows on his wall looked like tall, wobbly monsters.

He pulled his blanket right up to his chin. His heart went thump-thump-thump. "Mom?" he whispered, but his voice was small. He tried again, a little louder. "Mom, can you come here?" He heard soft footsteps coming closer. A sliver of light appeared under his door.

His mom peeked in. "Everything okay, sweetie?" she asked. Leo pointed to the wall. She smiled and plugged in his little star night light. Soft, yellow stars glowed around the room. Leo let out a long breath and finally closed his eyes for real. He felt much better.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Based on the passage, what can you conclude about Leo?

- (A) Leo loves the dark because it helps him sleep.
- (B) Leo feels uneasy when his room is completely dark.
- (C) Leo likes to play games with shadows on his wall.
- (D) Leo is waiting for his mom to read him a story.



- (2) What does the passage suggest about why Leo pulled his blanket up to his chin?
- (A) He was feeling cold because it was a chilly night.
 - (B) He wanted to hide from the wobbly shadows on his wall.
 - (C) He was playing a game of hide-and-seek by himself.
 - (D) He wanted to get comfortable before falling asleep.
- (3) The author mentions Leo's 'heart went thump-thump-thump' most likely to show that...
- (A) Leo was excited about something. (B) Leo was feeling scared or nervous.
 - (C) Leo had been running around before bed.
 - (D) Leo was listening to his own heartbeat.
- (4) Which statement is NOT well-supported by evidence from the passage?
- (A) Leo felt better after his mom turned on the night light.
 - (B) Leo was bothered by the dark shadows in his room.
 - (C) Leo likes to sleep with all the lights off.
 - (D) Leo called for his mom when he felt uneasy.
- (5) What clues in the passage helped you figure out that Leo was scared of the dark?
Write one sentence.
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