

Reading Response: Diary Entry – Room 204, The Night Before

Phase 1: Literal Meaning and Factual Recall

This phase requires finding answers that are explicitly stated in the text.

1. **Setting & Time:** How many nights has Daniel Moore been staying at the Riverside Guest House? ¹

○ Answer:

2. **Specific Evidence:** What two descriptive details did Moore notice about the window glass that suggested a person had been standing outside? ²

○ Detail 1:

○ Detail 2:

3. **Instruction:** What specific item does Daniel Moore state contains "the real story" and where is it hidden? ³

○ Item:

○ Location:

Phase 2: Implied Meaning and Inference

This phase requires combining textual clues with prior knowledge to "read between the lines."

4. **Inference on Atmosphere (Clues to Implied Meaning):** The walls seem to "breathe" ⁴, the floorboards have a "steady and rhythmic" vibration ⁵, and the river

"pulses"⁶. What does this consistent imagery imply about Moore's psychological state or the atmosphere of the house?

○ Inference:

○ Textual Support (Quote):

5. **Inference on Paranoia:** Moore notes that his reflection in the dark laptop screen "did not look like me" and was "waiting for me to move first"⁷. What does this detail primarily imply about his increasing state of mind or the nature of the entity he fears?

○ Inference:

○ Reasoning (Explain your logic):

6. **Inference on Final Intent:** Moore writes, "I will leave the lamp on tonight. If the light goes out again, I will open the window and see what is trying to get in"⁸. What does this final thought imply about his shift in attitude regarding the danger?

○ Inference:

Phase 3: Vocabulary Analysis (Word Parts and Collocations)

This phase requires breaking down words and examining how they are used with other words.

7. **Word Part Analysis:** Analyze the word "**inconclusive**" (from the subsequent forensic report) by breaking it down into its main parts (prefix, root, and suffix). Use the word parts to define the term.

○ **Prefix:** _____ Meaning:

○ **Root:** _____ Meaning:

○ **Suffix:** _____ Meaning:

○ **Definition:**

8. **Collocation Analysis:** The text uses the phrase "**vibration runs**"⁹ and describes it as "low vibration"¹⁰. This is an unusual verb/adjective collocation for the word **vibration**.

○ A. Provide a more common **Adjective + Noun** collocation for *vibration* (to describe high intensity):

○ B. Provide a more common **Noun + Verb** collocation for *vibration* (to describe movement):

9. **Collocation vs. Implied Meaning:** Moore states the door handle had a "**small rattle**"¹¹. The word *rattle* collocates strongly with sounds like **chain** and **window**. What does the collocation "**small rattle**" imply about the nature of the disturbance at his door?

○ Implied Meaning:

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