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The Face in the Window

Every afternoon, Ruby walked past the old house at the end of her street. Nobody had lived there for years. The garden was overgrown, the paint was peeling, and several windows were cracked. One afternoon, Ruby noticed something strange. There was a face in an upstairs window.



It was pale and still, staring directly at her. Ruby quickly walked home. The next day, she looked at the house again. The face was there. For the next three days, the same thing happened. Ruby told her brother, but he laughed and said she was imagining it.

That night, Ruby was lying in bed when she heard a soft tapping sound. Tap. Tap. Tap. She sat up. The sound was coming from her bedroom window. Ruby slowly pulled back the curtain. Nothing was there. She sighed and turned around.

Then she froze. Across the room, her bedroom mirror reflected the window behind her. The pale face was pressed against the glass.

This time, it was smiling.



1. Where did Ruby first see the face? _____

2. What sound did Ruby hear at night? _____

3. Have you ever felt scared like Ruby? _____

4. Does this remind you of another scary story? _____

5. What would you do if you were Ruby? _____



Answers

1. In an upstairs window of the old abandoned house.
2. A soft tapping sound.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary. Students may connect it to another scary book, movie or story.
5. Answers will vary.