

STRANGER THINGS

EPISODE 1 — FIRST HALF

In 1983, in a US Department of Energy laboratory in the town of Hawkins, Indiana, a scientist is attacked by an unseen creature. 12-year-old Will Byers vanishes after encountering the creature while riding his bicycle home from a *Dungeons & Dragons* session with his friends. The next day, a young girl with a shaved head, wearing a hospital gown, steals food from a local diner.

Tell your teacher what did you understand from the first half of the episode.

What do you think happened to Will?

Where do you think the girl in the hospital clothes comes from?

Do you know what Dungeons & Dragons is? Look for information if you don't.

Who is your favourite character so far? Why?

— Read this text about the Demogorgon and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

secrets	fantasy	legends	power	villains	scales	reptilian	lizard	mandrill
				tentacles				

In the *Dungeons & Dragons* (1) _____ role-playing game, **Demogorgon** is a powerful demon prince. He is known as the Prince of Demons, a title he has by his (2) _____ and influence. Demogorgon was also named as one of the greatest (3) _____ in Dungeons and Dragons history.



The Demogorgon is an 18-foot-tall (5.5 m), (4) _____ creature a humanoid form. Two (5) _____ heads sprout from his twin snake-like necks, and his arms end in long (6) _____. His two heads have individual minds. One of the Demogorgon's best-kept (7) _____ is that his two minds want to dominate (and even kill) each other, but they can't do it because they are too similar. According to (8) _____, the Demogorgon has two mothers, one for each twin head.

His blue-green skin is plated with snake-like (9) _____, his body and legs are those of a giant (10) _____, and his thick tail is forked. His appearance testifies to his command of cold-blooded things such as serpents, reptiles, and octopi.

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The owner, Benny, takes pity on her and feeds her before calling social services. A woman posing as a social worker arrives and shoots Benny. Armed men search the diner for the girl, but she escapes. Joyce, Will's mother, believes she hears Will's voice on a distorted phone call, but her phone short circuits.

Will's friends Lucas, Mike, and Dustin find the girl in the woods as they search for Will.

Tell your teacher what did you understand from the first half of the episode.

Why do you think they're looking for the girl in the hospital clothes?

Do you think the men from the Energy Department are police? Why?

Have you ever known a disappearance case? Explain about it.

Do you think Will's mum is going crazy or that she really hears Will's voice through the phone?

— Read about the case of Tara Calico and fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

books	daughter	scar	police	discovered	bike route	polaroid	Walkman	witnesses
analysis								

Born: 28 February 1969

Disappeared: 20 September 1988 (age. 19)

Last seen: Riding her bike near her home in Belen, New Mexico.



On September 20, 1988, nineteen year old Tara Calico went out for a bike ride at 9:30 am and was never seen again. Tara's mother, Patty, went searching for her (1) _____ when she didn't returned by noon. When she could not locate Tara, Patty notified the (2) _____, who soon joined the mother in examining Tara's usual (3) _____. Along the way, police discovered broken pieces of Tara's Sony (4) _____ and cassette tapes. Patty believes that Tara may have broken these items in an attempt to leave a trail to her whereabouts. Multiple (5) _____ claim to have seen a 1953 or 1954 Ford pickup following Tara that morning, though no one saw an abduction occur and the Ford pickup has never been located.

In June of 1989, a (6) _____ photo of a young girl and boy bound and gagged on a bed was discovered in the parking lot of a convenience store in Port St. Joe, Florida. Patty believes that the young girl in the polaroid is Tara. A copy of VC Andrews' *My Sweet Audrina*, one of Tara's favorite (7) _____, can be seen laying next to the bound and gagged girl on bed. Additionally, Patty claims that a (8) _____ on the leg of the girl in the polaroid matches one that Tara had.

The Metropolitan Police Service Scotland Yard identified the girl in the polaroid as Tara, but an FBI (9) _____ of the photo was inconclusive. To this day, no one knows what became of Tara Calico. She, nor her bike, were ever (10) _____.