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Try to answer multiple-choice questions in your own words before you are distracted by seeing the answer options. Once you think you know the answer, look at the options. If you see the answer that you anticipated, circle it and then check the text to be sure that it is the correct answer.

would wear one of 13 special coloured robes and ask them for guidance on her construction plans.

A year after Sarah's death, the house was opened to the public. Since then, many people have described strange experiences there. Neighbours claimed to hear a bell ring at midnight and at 2 am. A caretaker heard the sound of a screw slowly turning, then hitting the floor. He looked everywhere, but found nothing. Tour guides have reported seeing a ghostly workman with a dark moustache in the basement of the house.

Is the house truly haunted? No one can say with any certainty, but it is a fascinating story and the Winchester Mystery House™ is still open for visitors who want to find out for themselves.

4 Read the article again and choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

- What does 'it' at the end of the first paragraph refer to?
 - travelling
 - California
 - Sarah's life
 - an obsession
- According to the medium, why did Sarah's daughter and husband die?
 - The ghosts of gun violence had killed them.
 - They were very depressed about the war.
 - So that Sarah could make the ghosts happy.
 - Both had been shot dead by soldiers.
- What did Sarah Winchester find in California?
 - a house with seven floors
 - a house she could continue to build
 - a house full of mysteries
 - a house damaged in an earthquake
- What are we told about the Blue Room?
 - Sarah kept her clothes there.
 - Bad ghosts were unable to enter the room.
 - She went there to get advice.
 - Sarah sometimes slept there.
- What happened at the house after Sarah died?
 - There were unexplained events.
 - Guides had strange visitors on the tours.
 - Workmen continued to build on it.
 - People were too scared to visit it.

5 Circle the correct words.

- An obsession is a strong **pain** / **passion** you feel.
- A medium **looks for** / **makes contact with** dead people.
- The word 'spirit' is another name for a **ghost** / **monster**.
- A victim is someone who **suffers** / **causes** a bad experience.
- A passage is **an entrance** / **a narrow corridor** in a building.
- An incident is **an event** / **a project**.

6 Read about the incident below and choose the ending that you think was most likely. How do you think you would react in the same situation? Write a dialogue between you and the ghost of a famous person.

Legend has it that while spending a night at the White House in 1942, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was woken by a knock on the bedroom door around midnight. Answering it, she saw the ghost of former US president Abraham Lincoln staring at her from the hallway. How do you think Queen Wilhelmina reacted?



- She wanted to have a conversation with him.
- She thought it was a practical joke and laughed.
- She was so terrified by the sight that she fainted.