

Comprehension

Homework

Read the following passage carefully.

Mr. Jackson did not want to alert the thief. He placed his back against the wall and clutched his guava stick tightly in one hand. With his other hand, he felt his way cautiously through the darkness, being careful not to step on one of the loose floor boards.

He believed that he could surprise the thief with a strong whack of his guava stick. As he neared the entrance to the kitchen he raised his stick, ready for the strike.

Suddenly, Mr. Jackson stopped, stick held high, as if he were frozen in time.

A look of relief slowly spread across his face. It was only Fluffy the cat attempting to get outside through the trap door.

1. When did this occurrence take place?
2. Why was Mr. Jackson moving cautiously?
3. What part of the house was the noise coming from.

4. What was he going to do with the guava stick?

5. What do you think might have happened if Mr. Jackson had stepped on a loose floor board?

6. What part of speech is the word 'guava' in line 5?

7. What does the phrase "frozen in time" in line 7 mean?

8. Why was Mr. Jackson relieved?