

READING

3 For questions 1–7, read the text and decide if the statements about the article are **TRUE**, **FALSE** or **DOESN'T SAY**. Put a cross (X) in the correct column in the table.

	TRUE	FALSE	DOESN'T SAY
1 The story happened during a holiday .			
2 Laura was on her own in the bedroom .			
3 Laura's grandad saw a bear near the house.			
4 Laura's grandmother heard the strange noises too.			
5 The moon helped Laura to see the lake .			
6 Laura went back to bed after seeing the ghost .			
7 The ghost was Laura's uncle .			

A Ghost Story

(1) My grandparents had a little holiday place, which they always stayed in for a few weeks in the summer. We sometimes spent some time with them after we finished school. It was on an island, and the only way to and from the island was by boat.

(2, 3) One night, when my grandparents were already in bed, I heard a strange noise coming from outside, like an animal that was in great pain. I was too frightened to go outside and look, but the next day I told my grandad. He just laughed loudly and said, 'Laura, it was probably a bear.' I knew it wasn't! I looked outside, but didn't find anything unusual.

(5) The next night, I heard the same thing, but this time it sounded much more human! I switched on the bedroom light, went downstairs and looked out of the windows, but I couldn't see anything. I had to go outside if I wanted to see what the noise was. I opened the door slowly – I was so frightened! I could only see a little bit of the lake with the light from the window. It was cloudy that night, covering the moon. The noise was very loud now, and suddenly a boat sailed slowly through the light then back into the dark. I screamed, because sitting on the boat was a teenage boy, his mouth wide open as he shouted, his empty eyes looking straight at me.

(6, 7) My grandma found me lying on the floor outside the bedroom. It was difficult for me to talk, but I told her about the boat and the boy. 'That was your dad's big brother,' she said quietly. 'He went out on our boat one day and never came back. He was only fifteen when he died.'