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Justin and Mary woke up early, even though they were vacationing at their

uncle's lake house. The night before, Uncle Thomas told them about the Foggy Figure that haunts the lake. Justin and Mary were determined to see the ghostly creature before their vacation was over.

"Is it foggy outside?" Mary asked, as Justin peered out the window.



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anything.

"Do you see anything?" Mary asked, leaning forward for a closer look.

"Nothing. Do you think Uncle Thomas was just trying to scare us with that story?"

Uncle Thomas did have a good imagination. He'd been telling Justin and Mary stories for years, but this was the first scary story. Mary had a feeling it wasn't made up.

Mary shook her head. "Remember what Uncle Thomas said? The Foggy Figure haunts the lake. We're on the dock. Maybe that's why we can't see him. The people in the story were in boats."

"You want to go out on the water?" Justin asked.

Mary looked around, trying to find Uncle Thomas's boat, but the fog was too thick.

"Mom and Dad will be really angry if we go out on the lake alone in this fog," Justin said.

Mary shrugged. "Maybe we don't have to go anywhere. We could sit in the boat while it's docked. That wouldn't be dangerous."

"Okay." Justin crept toward the end of the dock. He could barely see the outline of the boat. "I'll go first." He carefully lowered himself into the boat and then reached for Mary's hand.

Mary climbed into the boat and sat beside him. She was getting nervous now that they were on the water "See anythina?"



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Mary sighed, happy there was no Foggy Figure after all. Justin looked





Uncle Thomas laughed.
"What do you say? I packed a
breakfast for us."

Mary smiled. She had smelled coffee. And Uncle Thomas had packed pastries for them, too.

"Let's do it," Mary and Justin said.

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- 1. When does this story take place?
 - a. shortly before or after dawn
 - **b.** shortly before or after dusk
 - c. in the middle of the night
 - d. after their vacation is over





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- 4. Why didn't Justin and Mary take the boat out on the lake alone?
 - **a.** They were too scared.
 - **b.** The boat engine wouldn't start.
 - c. They did not have any paddles.
 - **d.** They thought their parents would be mad.

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In a mystery story, the author will sometimes add clues in the story that can help readers figure out the ending. This is called *foreshadowing*.

How did Kelly Hashway use foreshadowing in the fourth paragraph of this story? Tell what clue was written into the story and how readers could have used this clue to predict the ending of the story.





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| Do you think it was dangerous for Justin and Mary to venture out onto the boat Explain your answer. | | | | | |
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The words below are scrambled words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Check back in the story to make sure each word is spelled correctly.



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hint: having low clouds near the surface of the



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keeping boats

4. _____

dauglaylr

hint: slowly; not all at once

5. _____

astsperi

hint: doughnuts, danishes, and other sweet breakfast foods

6. _____

nsverou

hint: feeling worried



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- **a.** They were too scared.
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- c. They did not have any paddles.
- d. They thought their parents would be mad.



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Other students may say that it was dangerous to go near the

water without adult supervision.

ANSWER KEY

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hint: feeling worried