Chapter 1 Vocabulary Questions

1. What does the word 'loomed' most likely mean in the sentence: 'The house loomed large in front of them'?

a) Shrunk

b) Glowed

c) Appeared threateningly

d) Disappeared

2. What is the best meaning of 'creaked' as used in the story?

a) Shined brightly

b) Made a groaning sound

c) Collapsed suddenly

d) Echoed a voice

3. In context, 'tarnished' brass key most likely means:

a) Shiny

b) Polished

c) Rusted or dulled

d) Broken

4. What does 'flicked' mean in the phrase 'flicked his flashlight'?

a) Dropped

b) Swung violently

c) Turned quickly

d) Ignored

5. The word 'sagging' in describing the house suggests:

a) New and clean

b) Leaning or collapsing

c) Vibrating

d) Blinking

6. What does 'slumped' mean in the sentence: 'a man was slumped against the wall'?

a) Standing tall

b) Sitting up straight

c) Lying in a heap

d) Floating

7. What does 'seeped' most likely mean in the phrase 'dark blood seeped through his shirt'?

a) Poured quickly

b) Spread slowly

c) Froze immediately

d) Disappeared

8. The word 'faded' in 'faded photograph' most nearly means:

a) Clear

b) Torn

c) Lost color or detail

d) Folded

9. In context, 'glanced nervously' most likely means:

a) Stared boldly

b) Looked quickly with fear

c) Slept quietly

d) Turned away

10. What does 'scrap' mean in the phrase 'a scrap of torn paper'?

a) A large sheet

b) A sharp object

c) A small piece

d) A colorful note

Chapter 1 Answer Key

1. c

2. b

3. c

4. c

5. b

6. c

7. b

8. c

9. b

10. c