# Study Guide: Chapter 13 - Dots Across the Water

## Summary

In Chapter 13: Dots Across the Water, after the storm, the group decides to attempt sending another radio message. They carefully spell out 'SOS Arorae Atoll Four survivors Please respond' in Morse code. Jace sends the message multiple times while Emily and Tyler wait anxiously. At first, there is only silence, but then faint clicks and taps suggest that someone may be responding. The possibility of contact sparks both hope and fear, as the children realize they may finally be reaching the outside world.

## Vocabulary

message - a piece of information sent to someone

survivors - people who remain alive after danger

respond - to answer back

repeated - did something again and again

breath - the air taken in or out when breathing

waves - moving ridges on the surface of the sea

click - a short, sharp sound

taps - light touches or sounds

signal - a sign or message sent to communicate

radio - a device for sending and receiving messages through airwaves

hope - a feeling that something good will happen

fear - a feeling of being scared or worried

faint - hard to hear or see, weak

anxious - worried or nervous

carefully - done with attention and caution

outside - beyond the place where they are now

contact - communication with someone else

reaching - getting through to someone or somewhere

realize - to understand something clearly

silence - total quiet, no sound

## Comprehension Questions

1. What message do the children send through Morse code?

2. How many times does Jace repeat the message?

3. What do Emily and Tyler do while Jace is sending the message?

4. What sound suggests someone may be responding?

5. How do the children feel when they hear possible signals?

## Answer Key

1. They send 'SOS Arorae Atoll Four survivors Please respond.'

2. He repeats the message five times.

3. Emily holds her breath, and Tyler listens.

4. They hear clicks and taps.

5. They feel both hopeful and fearful.

## Themes

- Hope and fear in survival

- Communication and connection

- The importance of persistence

- The role of technology in rescue

- Uncertainty and anticipation