



Reading Comprehension

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This Gold passage introduces more complex sentence structures and requires stronger inference skills.

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Passage

Marcus had never liked storms, not since the night the power went out and he'd had to find his way downstairs using only his phone's torch, heart pounding with every creak of the old house. Tonight, though, as thunder rolled across the sky and rain hammered against his window, he found himself oddly calm. Perhaps it was the letter tucked beneath his pillow, the one that had arrived that morning with news he still hadn't quite believed.

Questions

1. What happened the last time there was a power cut, according to the passage?

2. Find and copy a phrase that shows Marcus was frightened during the previous storm.

3. Why do you think Marcus feels "oddly calm" this time, despite the storm?

4. What effect does the writer create by not revealing what was in the letter?

5. Based on the passage, do you think the news in the letter was good or bad? Use evidence to justify your answer.
