

COMPREHENSION ANSWERS

FROM THE PASSAGE

1. It meant that every relocation (moving of homes) (1m) tended to also include an addition to the family (1m).
2. The landlord was trying to remind his tenants to quieten down.
3. The phrase is “even so it’s not the house we’d thought we’d get.”
4. They left their homes because of a lack of consistent water supply (1m) and the reluctance of their ex-landlord to repair the broken water pipes. (1m)
5. A real home should have running water supply (1m), real stairs (1m), a basement (1m), a big yard (1m). (any three)
6. Papa was described as needing to win a ‘lottery ticket’ to have the means to own a proper home.
7. “They” is a personification of the windows as being so tiny that they had difficult breathing.
8. The narrator is displaying her unhappiness at the tight and cramped living conditions.
9. The owner boarded up the laundromat to deter future robbers.
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The nun was impressed by the conditions of the house.	
The nun was in a state of disbelief at the conditions of the house.	✓
The nun was horrified at the conditions of the house.	
11. It tells us that the narrator’s family lives in poverty and were probably too poor to afford repairs.
12. The narrator felt ashamed (1m) by the nun’s contempt for her living conditions, as it make her feel small and useless. (1m)
13. The narrator would have used a tone full of conviction as she wants to emphasise her determination to achieve her goals.