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## Guided Reading Comprehension – Diamond Band 17 – Fearless Flynn and other Tales

### Fearless Flynn

Page 3: Look at the paragraph beginning “*One frozen night,...*”. Which word in this paragraph means to lay in wait to attack?

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Page 3: What features of the setting contribute to the ‘spooky’ mood of the story? Write your ideas below.

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Page 3: Why are the skeletons waiting for a passerby?

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Page 5: The author has included an onomatopoeic word on this page. Write what this word is and an explanation of how it contributes to the reader’s understanding of the story.

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Page 6: Locate the figurative language on this page. Copy it out below, explaining the type of figurative language used.

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Page 13: What two outcomes were the result of Flynn giving the horse a sugar lump?

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Page 15: What has the author included to create humour on this page?

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### **Tom's Shadow Dance**

Page 16: List the evidence that Tom is poor below. Find 5 bits of evidence.

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Page 19: Describe a 'rumpus and joy' atmosphere.

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Page 23: What caused the shadow dance to end?

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Page 26: Which colloquial phrase means the same as 'having a lot to do'?

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Whole Text: Think about the setting of this story. Which country do you think it is set in? State the name of the country you think it is set in and three reasons why.

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Reason 1:

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Reason 2:

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Reason 3:

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## Thirteen Crows

Page 31: Find and copy the phrase that describes the cottage's poor condition.

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Page 33: Look at the paragraph beginning, "Thirteen ragged crows...". Which sentence below best describes when an 'omen' is?

- ☐ A sign that foretells a bad future event.
- ☐ A mark of respect toward someone who has died.
- ☐ The collective noun for a group of crows.
- ☐ A mythical 'death' creature.

Page 34: Look at the paragraph beginning, "*They say there are buckets...*". What does the word 'belched' possibly tell us about what the boys were doing at the time of their conversation?

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Page 35: Find evidence that confirms that the crows were really noisy?

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Page 36: "*It was a sad, forlorn place, and Peter thought with pity of the old man who had spent his lonely days there.*"

Which word is closest in meaning to 'forlorn'?

*neglected*

*worrisome*

*handsome*

Page 39: Which two features made Gore particularly suited to the task of climbing through the narrow window?

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Page 46: How do you overcome the curse?

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Page 50: What would you look for check to whether or not the curse had been lifted?

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Page 53: What is the function of the last sentence on this page?

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Whole Book: This book contains 3 fantasy stories. Hidden in the grid below are 5 features of fantasy stories. Circle only the features of fantasy stories.

Imaginary settings	Characters go somewhere exciting & adventurous.	Often features Gods or Goddesses as characters.	Talking Animals
Set in the future.	Begin with 'Once upon a time...'	A story in which a crime is committed.	It is the job of the main character to solve the crime.
Includes advanced technology, e.g. a time machine.	Full of elements of surprise and shock that leave the reader constantly frightened.	Good & bad characters	Is always written in the past tense.
Magical events	May feature non-human characters such as elves or goblins.	Is always written in the 1 <sup>st</sup> person.	Ends with '...happily ever after.'

Extra: For those features that are not features of fantasy stories, can you guess which story genre they belong to?

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