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Young Amy has made herself an imaginary friend, although this particular playmate is hardly suitable for a children's party. What does she call her mysterious companion?

The family dog, Harry, seems convinced there's something sinister lurking beneath the house. His relentless scratching at a basement wall eventually leads to the discovery of what?

Father Delaney desperately prays for divine intervention to save the family, but his efforts come at a terrible personal cost. What devastating physical affliction suddenly strikes him?

Kathy digs into the property's disturbing past and discovers that the land was once associated with which Native American tribe, whose burial ground supposedly lay beneath the house?

As the house unleashes its full fury during the terrifying final night, George appears dangerously possessed and threatens the children. What weapon does he grab?

With the family finally escaping their nightmare home, George bravely returns to rescue Harry. What disgusting substance does he fall into when the basement staircase gives way beneath him?

Wooden Spoon Quizzes

HORROR FILMS

The Amityville Horror (1979)

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Answer: He is their son and brother (Ronald DeFeo Jr.)

Newlyweds George and Kathy Lutz reckon they've found themselves a property bargain, despite its blood-soaked history. How many children move into the house with them?

Answer: Three

Father Delaney arrives to bless the family's new home, but his welcome is anything but heavenly. What creatures suddenly swarm around him in an upstairs bedroom?

Answer: Flies

George begins behaving strangely, constantly complaining about the freezing temperature and developing an unhealthy obsession with keeping the fire burning. What activity does he spend hours doing to fuel his obsession?

Answer: Chopping firewood

George's sleep pattern becomes rather unsettling when he repeatedly wakes at exactly the same time each morning. What time does he wake, coinciding with the hour of the previous family's murders?

Answer: 3:15 a.m.

During a family engagement celebration, a substantial sum of money mysteriously disappears from the house. How much cash goes missing, leaving the family unable to pay the caterer?

Answer: $1,500

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Answer: Jody (accept Jodie)

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Answer: A hidden room with red walls (the Red Room)

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Answer: Blindness (he loses his sight)

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Answer: The Shinnecock tribe

As the house unleashes its full fury during the terrifying final night, George appears dangerously possessed and threatens the children. What weapon does he grab?

Answer: An axe

With the family finally escaping their nightmare home, George bravely returns to rescue Harry. What disgusting substance does he fall into when the basement staircase gives way beneath him?

Answer: Black sludge (accept black slime)

One For The Bar!

In November 1974, Ronald DeFeo Jr. murdered his parents and four siblings at 112 Ocean Avenue in Amityville, New York. The murders were real, although the subsequent ghostly goings-on remain highly disputed.

George and Kathy Lutz moved into the infamous house in December 1975 but fled just 28 days later, claiming terrifying supernatural experiences. That's less than a month to discover your dream home might need more than a lick of paint!

Despite the film's title, the famous house seen on screen wasn't actually in Amityville. Filming took place at a property in Toms River, New Jersey, after permission to use the real house was refused.

For the horrifying scene in which Father Delaney is surrounded by flies, actor Rod Steiger was reportedly covered in sugar water and beer to attract the insects, Apparently, even demonic flies appreciate a pint!

The distinctive quarter-circle windows that make the Amityville house look as though it's watching you became one of horror cinema's most recognisable images. The New Jersey filming location was altered to resemble the original property.

Produced for an estimated $4.7 million, the film earned approximately $86.4 million at the North American box office. Clearly, haunted houses can be very profitable properties!

Margot Kidder, who played Kathy Lutz, had also starred as Lois Lane in Superman (1978). During a kitchen scene in The Amityville Horror, she can reportedly be heard humming the love theme from that film.

The ghostly bearded face appearing in the basement's Red Room was portrayed by Brian Bruderlin, the real-life brother of James Brolin. The filmmakers wanted someone who resembled George Lutz and found the answer in the family!

James Brolin received training from a local axe thrower in Toms River to help him handle the weapon safely during filming. Not exactly the sort of skill you'd expect to need when buying a family home!

Subsequent occupants of the real Amityville house reported no comparable supernatural activity. The property's notoriety, however, continued attracting unwanted attention from curious visitors. Sometimes the scariest thing about owning a famous house is the tourists!