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## THE DARK ROOM - EASY

### Before listening

#### **Riddle:**

You cannot see me, hear me, or touch me. I lie behind the stars and alter what is real, I am what you really fear. Close your eyes and I come near. What am I?

**Talk about it:** What would you do if you woke up trapped in a dark room? What would you do first? Who would you want there with you? If you could bring one thing, what would you bring?

### While listening

Listen for clues to see if you can figure out where the kids are and why they are there. What are they going to do next?

What sounds beside people talking can you make out?

### After listening

#### **Understand the words.**

Look at these words from the Dark Room:

<b>pitch black</b>	<b>courage</b>	<b>light switch</b>
<b>electric lights</b>	<b>affect</b>	<b>rustle</b>
<b>scent</b>	<b>abandon</b>	<b>subconscious</b>
<b>thrilling</b>	<b>door handle</b>	

What do they mean? Translate them, see if you can find synonyms to them. Can you put them in sentences?

#### **Use your senses**

Close your eyes, imagine you can't see a thing. How would you get from your classroom to the cafeteria? Think about it closely. Now open your eyes again. Write a description of how to get from here to the cafeteria in complete darkness.

Remember to write where to put your hands (after all, you would want to hold on to something), where steps are located, what direction you might have to turn etc.

### ***Balance***

Stand on one leg and try to keep your balance. Now close your eyes and try to do the same. Most people find it harder to keep their balance with their eyes closed. This is because the eyes help you orientate and maintain your balance.

### ***Blind man's buff***

This is a game for the entire group. Put a blindfold over one person's eyes. This person then needs to use his or her senses to try and catch someone. Pretty difficult!



### ***Plan a surprise party for your best friend***

Pretend it's your best friend's birthday. Now, start planning a surprise party for him or her. Where would it be? Who would be invited? What would you do? Would you have a theme? What would you wear? What would the menu be?

When you're done, present your ideas in smaller groups. Perhaps you can get some inspiration or inspire someone else!





**ANSWERS:**

**Riddle:** The dark

**Crossword:**

1. abandon
2. scent
3. courage
4. electric lights
5. door handle
6. rustle
7. subconscious
8. thrilling
9. affect
10. pitch black
11. light switch