

The Mystery at Black Rock Beach:
Comprehension Questions for Chapters 1-4

1. Describe the setting of chapter 1.
2. What do pierced ears represent for Franny?
3. Describe Ferry Town Resort and Spa.
4. In chapter 2, why do you think Franny gave a name to each one of the 5 palm trees on the resort property?
5. In chapter 2, Franny 'embraces the innocence of the island.' What is it about the island of Maui that has innocence? Use your knowledge from descriptions about the island in chapters 1 and 2. (Hint: Draw a parallel to children who are innocent.)
6. Based on Franny's mental image provided in chapter 2, what do you know about the town of Lahaina?
7. Describe the personality of Freyja, who serves the flies shave ice in chapter 3.
8. What two examples of foreshadowing are presented in chapter 4? Each of these examples alludes to the fact that something mysterious is brewing, or about to happen on the island.
9. What can you infer about Franny's relationship with her brother Fonzy based on clues from chapters 1-4?
10. Describe Fillmore's personality.
11. Based on clues throughout chapters 1-4, what is Frederick's favorite flavor?