

The Mystery at Black Rock Beach:

Comprehension Questions for Chapters 5-8

1. Describe Franny's personality.
2. In chapter 5, explain what is meant by, "For a second, Franny wished she hadn't asked such a question."
3. Based on information provided in chapter 6, what do you know about the Feldman Family?
4. In chapter 6, why doesn't Finny Feldman recognize the flies when he first runs into them, asking if they have seen his dog Frances?
5. In chapter 6, when the twins first discover that Frances is missing, it seems as though they are more surprised to see Finny Feldman. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. In chapter 7, what is Franny's initial reaction to her brothers telling her that Frances is missing?
7. In chapter 7, why are the twins' descriptions of the two men they saw in the alley easily misunderstood by Franny?
8. In chapter 7, what is it about the *Counting Flies* song lyric that makes Franny worry about Frances?
9. In chapter 8, how do Frederick and Fiona's reactions to Franny's handwritten note *shift* from a more light-hearted tone to serious and concerned?
10. In what ways are Frederick and Fiona alike? In what ways are they different?