

As the young detective walked into the abandoned mansion, she felt a sense of **unease** wash over her. The old house had been vacant for years, but something about it still felt alive.

She surveyed the scene carefully, taking note of the cobwebs in the corners and the dust on the furniture. She walked through the hallway and up the stairs, her footsteps echoing through the empty rooms.

As she entered one of the bedrooms, she saw a strange **contraption** on the desk. It looked like a collection of wires and tubes, with a small screen in the center. She didn't know what it was, but she could tell it was important.

She took out her notebook and began to jot down notes, recording everything she saw. She noticed a book on the nightstand, and when she opened it, she saw that it was written in a strange language.

She **furrowed her brow**, trying to make sense of the words. She recognized a few letters, but the rest were completely unfamiliar to her. She took out her phone and snapped a photo of the page, hoping to **decipher** the writing later.

As she continued to investigate the mansion, she found more strange objects and clues. There was a map with a mysterious location marked on it, and a set of keys that seemed to unlock nothing.

Finally, after hours of searching, she found a hidden room behind a bookshelf. Inside, she saw a small chest, covered in dust. She opened it and gasped at what she saw inside.

It was a collection of rare and valuable gems, worth millions of dollars. She couldn't believe her luck - she had stumbled upon a **treasure trove**. But as she reached out to touch the jewels, she heard a creaking sound from the hallway.

She spun around, her hand **instinctively** reaching for her detective kit. Without hesitation, she grabbed the kit. She was ready to face whatever danger awaited her.

Name: _____

Fill out the chart below to determine the words' meanings in the story you read.

<u>Word</u>	<u>What I Think It Means</u>	<u>Context Clues from the Text that Helped Me</u>
unease		
decipher		
treasure trove		
instinctively		

In the story, it stated, "She **furrowed her brow**, trying to make sense of the words." Based on how this phrase was used in the story, when might someone "**furrow their brow**"?
