

# The Riddle House

The villagers of Little Hangleton still called it 'the Riddle House,' even though it had been many years since the Riddle family had lived there. It stood on a hill overlooking the village, some of its windows boarded, tiles missing from its roof and ivy spreading unchecked over its face.

Once a fine-looking manor and easily the largest and grandest building for miles around, the Riddle House was now damp, derelict and unoccupied.

The Little Hangletons all agree that the house was 'creepy.' Half a century ago, something strange and horrible had happened there.



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# Answers:

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**unoccupied**

2. Why was the house known as 'The Riddle House'?

**The people in the village of Little Hangleton called it 'The Riddle House' because the Riddle family lived there at one time.**

3. What three things are we told about the appearance of the house today?

**Accept reference to the house having:**

- **boarded up windows**
- **missing roof tiles**
- **large amounts of ivy covering it**
- **it stands on a hill**

4. Explain what you think might have happened to make the Riddle family abandon their beautiful home.

**Accept reference to:**

- **something unfortunate happening to the family.**
- **an accident or accusation involving the family.**
- **an event relating to the villagers that drove the family away.**
- **a strange or peculiar sighting within the house.**