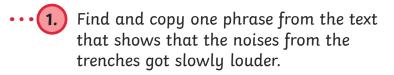
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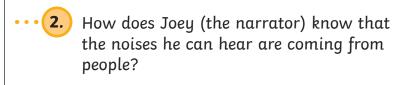
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Quick Questions









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Answers

Find and copy one phrase from the text that shows that the noises from the trenches got slowly louder.

(gradual) crescendo

How does Joey (the narrator) know that the noises he can hear are coming from people?

Joey saw occasional glimpses of steel helmets coming from the trenches which was his only evidence that the voices were coming from real people.





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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it is because No Man's Land is the strip of land between the two opposing sides on the battlefield and where Joey is at this point in the story.

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