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Explanation: Danny was feeling anxious which caused his mouth to dry-up. A natural body reaction, when nerves kick-in.

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Explanation: I think the characters were in deep thought because they feeling worried and nervous because they knew they had to do something – take action and quick. Sitting quietly gave them 'thinking time'

Three Detectives – Chapter 28 p.167

He was desperate to get out of the cold: he had never known such temperatures, never felt so uncomfortable.

Explanation: I think Kofi was probably feeling extremely cold to the point where your fingers and toes turn completely numb and too painful to bear, especially because he is used to warmer climates in Ghana.

Then Danny was running. (p.172)

Explanation: I think Danny was running fast because adrenaline had kicked-in. he wasn't sure if it was because he was fretful about Charlotte or the fact that he was excited about solving the crime.

Charlotte Disappears – Chapter 29

And there in front of him, was Kofi, trying, but failing to smile. (p.173)

Explanation: I think Kofi was really pleased to see Danny, as well as relieved, but at the same time extremely worried about what was going to happen next because he knew he was in danger with Shearer.

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Explanation: I think Danny's feelings are very similar to Kofi's. Relieved to have found Kofi, however troubled about finding Charlotte – Shearer is a dangerous man.

Was she in danger? (p.174)

Explanation: This question has been used to create suspense – instead of saying Danny was concerned for Charlotte’s life, I think Tom Palmer decided to use this question sentence to reveal how uptight Danny was feeling and how uneasy he felt about her disappearance.