

Reporter's Notes

Who

What

Where

When

Why

Lighthouse Resource 1a

Community steps up to help
lighthouse keeper

**De-light-fuelled
ending for
lighthouse keeper**

**Boat bypasses boulders
because of rapid response
by residents**

**FRIGHT IN THE NIGHT
WITH NO LIGHT**

**Boat avoids peril
when lighthouse
lantern smashes**

SAVED!

Lighthouse Resource 1b

Alliteration

The repetition of the same consonant or sound at the beginning of two or more words in a sentence

Pun

A play on words which have the same sounds but different meanings (homonyms)

Rhyme

The repetition of similar sounding words

Single word

One word which sums up the article

Straight to the point

A short description to explain what has happened and attract the reader

Letter play

Where words are changed by subtle letter swaps to humorously support the story in the article

Experts have been invited to investigate a strange occurrence, whereby an enormous beanstalk appears to have grown, overnight, in the garden of a young lad named Jack.

Disaster was narrowly avoided on Tuesday, when the Big Bad Wolf attempted to demolish the home owned by Piggy Two, in a terrifying ordeal lasting five hours.

The inhabitants of Metropolis, USA were shocked to see an odd shape in the sky last night. Described by onlookers as a caped figure, the object moved swiftly like a bird or a plane.

The Enchanted Forest was the unfortunate venue for a serious crime yesterday, when the home of the three bears was broken into and ransacked by an unknown blonde-haired assailant.

The galaxy was left reeling yesterday after the revelation that Darth Vader is, in fact, the father of Luke Skywalker and his twin sister, Leia.

Hogwart's saw another defeat for their Gryffindor team last night, when star seeker, H Potter, tumbled from his broom and fell to the stadium floor.

The King's horses and King's men were deployed over the weekend, to assist in an accident which occurred at the castle wall involving Mr Humpty Dumpty.

Lighthouse Resource 1d

A local community came to the aid of a neighbouring lighthouse keeper last night, when the lantern in the lighthouse smashed and left approaching boats in a perilous predicament.

There was a lighthouse keeper who smashed a light at the top of his lighthouse and the local people went to help him before the boats crashed into the rocks.

The inhabitants of a remote Scottish village were the heroes and heroines of the hour yesterday, when an unfortunate incident with a lighthouse's lantern resulted in some emergency action. The villagers leapt to the aid of the flustered lighthouse keeper in what can only be described as a valiant display of co-operation and community spirit. The quick-thinking villagers managed to prevent a maritime disaster and also forge friendships with the lighthouse keeper himself.

Which is better and why?

Lighthouse Resource 1e



Lighthouse Resource 1f

Lighthouse Keeper	Villager	Crew Member
Question 1:	Question 1:	Question 1:
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:
Question 2:	Question 2:	Question 2:
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:

Lighthouse Resource 2a

'The whole experience was terrifying!' recalls Piggy Number Two, the victim in this heinous crime. 'I hope a guilty verdict is returned and that the Big Bad Wolf receives a lengthy prison sentence.'

A spokesperson for the King's men said, 'We were asked to attend an accident at the castle wall, whereby Mr Dumpty appeared to have fallen from a considerable height. We arrived shortly after the incident, though we were unable to put him back together again.'

'I did see a young lady entering the property,' an eyewitness told us, 'though I believed she must have known the three bears and so I decided not to challenge her.'

'Potter's broomstick collided with the end of an opposing player and he fell quite heavily onto the floor of the stadium. The medical team were dispatched and he is now recovering in the hospital wing,' explained Albus Dumbledore, headmaster at Hogwarts.

A member of the crowd described the sighting, 'I looked up and could see something flying towards us. We thought it was a bird or a plane at first, though as it came closer we realised it was a man in a cape and a blue and red outfit. He flew overhead and down towards the burning building!'

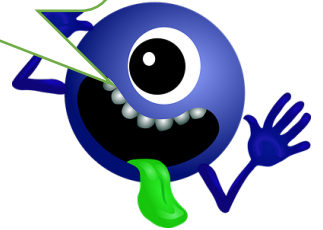
'I awoke and noticed that it was very dark outside, but when I got to the window I realised that it was because of the huge beanstalk that was blocking the daylight!' Jack's mother reported.

Lighthouse Resource 2b

Remember to only put speech marks around what is being spoken.



Remember to use a capital letter for the first word of speech.



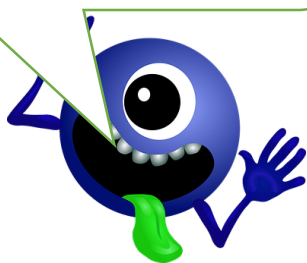
Remember to use a new line for new speakers.



Remember to use punctuation to separate what is being said from the rest of the sentence.

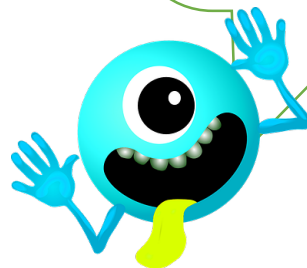


Remember to make sure there is a piece of punctuation at the end of the speech, inside the speech marks.



Remember you can use more than one sentence within a pair of speech marks. Use punctuation to signal the end of the sentence then start a new sentence. Only close the speech marks when the person has finished speaking.

Remember speech marks are also called quotation marks and inverted commas.



Lighthouse Resource 2c

Formal	Informal
He requested	He asked
The incident occurred	The thing happened
They received	They got
For several reasons	For lots of reasons
The police were unable	The police couldn't
Prices increased	Prices went up
The room was in complete disarray	The room was really messy
The roof collapsed suddenly	The roof caved in fast
It has been brought to our attention	We've been told
It would have prevented	It would've stopped
	The council said they'd move it
	He went down with the flu
	She wouldn't shut up
	They were really sorry

Lighthouse Resource 3a

YOUR LETTERS OF COMPLAINT

ANGRY ABOUT BINS

I am just so angry about the rubbish bins and when they are collected. Our bin was full of smelly rubbish last week but because of the new bin collection dates we have to put up with this. We used to put the bin out every week but now this has changed to every two weeks and I don't think this is enough. Three weeks ago the bin lorry could not get down the street and so didn't collect the rubbish. We had to put it all into a bin bag and take it to the tip. Am I the only one who feels like this?

Gerald Thomas, Fir Street.

SWIMMING BATHS CLOSING

I like to go swimming, in fact I go every week. I was totally gutted when I saw the poster in the baths the other day that said the baths was going to close. The baths always looks really busy to me so I can't see why it would need to close? There are loads of different swimming classes that go on there and these will all have to stop. I would've thought the local council would want to try and get people to be more healthy and not close the door of the only swimming baths in 10 miles!

Miss S Thompson, Yates Drive.

LOCAL CARNIVAL DISAPPOINTMENT

Well, what a total waste of a Saturday afternoon. We went to the carnival last week and thought it was the worst one we've been to. The kids were bored, I was shoved about and the car parking was a joke. We had to queue in the car for over 45 mins and then walk for nearly a mile to the start of the carnival. It was such a hot day and the pop & water van ran out of drinks at dinner time. My kids were going nuts. We had such a bad time and I really think the local council needs to up their game.

Mrs T Paldrina, Kendal Close.

Community spirit saves vulnerable vessel

A local community came to the rescue of a neighbouring lighthouse keeper last night, after the lantern in the lighthouse smashed and left approaching boats in a perilous predicament.

The keeper of Briar's Rock Lighthouse, Mr Harold Thomas, 56, was working in the lantern room at the top of the tower, when he accidentally dropped the glass dome, smashing the glass of the lantern irreparably. Mr Thomas was attempting to make emergency repairs to the light, something he had undertaken a number of times during his 20-year tenancy, when he tripped and fell backwards whilst holding the glass.

Numbers in Journalism

On the whole words are used for numbers which are single figure and digits are used for anything above nine. Unless you are writing a measurement or a percentage, then you should always use digits. However, you should never start a sentence with digits.

E.g. Three, Six, 12, 17, 4kg, 2%

Try to always abbreviate measurements with the exception of miles.

Millions and Billions are always spelled out, except in currency.

Always use the 24-hour clock and use a colon.

E.g. 13:45, 21:20

Decades should be written 1980s, 2000s.

When writing dates, put the day before the month and don't use dd/mm/yy.

E.g. 13 May 2016 – don't say 13th

If being used as an adjective or a noun, then an age should be hyphenated.

E.g. The 13-year-old boy or The books for six-year-olds.

When using an age after a name it should be included with commas.

E.g. Mrs Gwen Taylor, 45, was the driver of the vehicle.

Bullet point planner - Example

Orientation

- Community saved the day
- Lighthouse keeper smashed lantern
- Boats in danger
- Happened last night

Paragraph one

- Briar's rock lighthouse
- Harold Thomas- 56
- Smashed glass
- Making repairs
- Had made repairs before

Paragraph two

- Lighthouse is over 100 years old
- Stands on Briar's Rock above a particularly hazardous strip of coastline with rock formations known as Poseidon's Footsteps
- Briar's Rock village has a population of around 250 people
- Quote from villager about Harold Thomas: 'He very rarely comes into the village and has always seemed a bit of a loner. I've lived here for 10 years and I think I've only spoken to him once!'

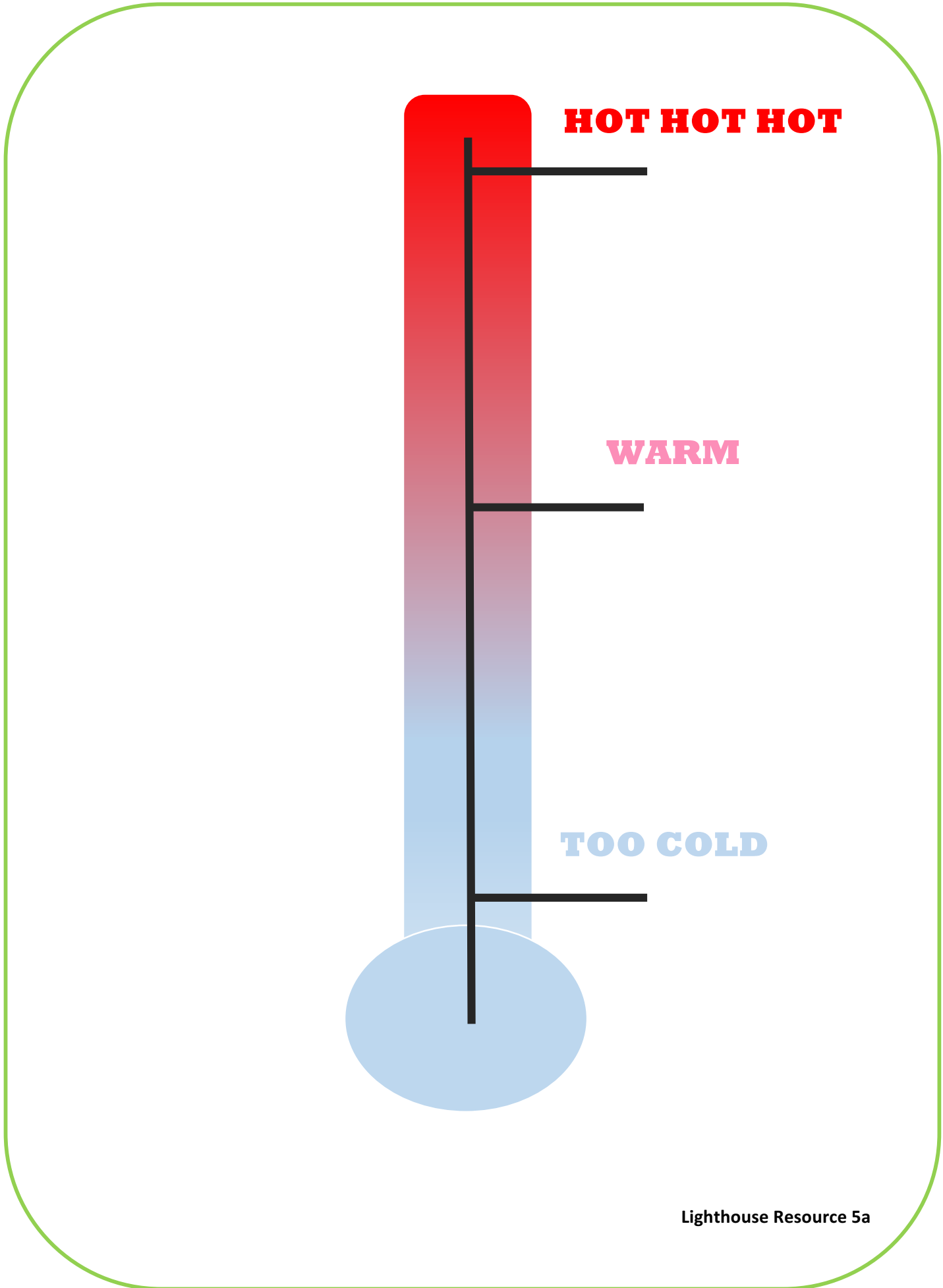
Paragraph three

Paragraph four

Re-orientation



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Lighthouse Resource 5a

The Lighthouse Keeper

The Setting

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Lighthouse Resource 6a

I recall an old fisherman's rhyme told to me by my father when I was just a lad, *'If clouds are gathering thick and fast, keep sharp look-out for sail and mast. If the wind is blowing in the north, no fisherman should dare set forth.'* He'd been a fisherman since he was old enough to cast a net and had always believed it to be true, refusing to launch his boat if a north wind was blowing, much to my mother's annoyance. However, I realise now, some forty years later, that perhaps there *was* some truth in his theory. Because it was an icy north wind that blew on that fateful night in December: a night I won't forget in a hurry. Heavy, ragged clouds obscured the moon from time to time in a tumultuous grip and the sea was a restless beast, chewing at the rocks below the lighthouse. I watched the horizon for longer than usual, scouring the inky darkness for ships with my father's rhyme playing over and over in my mind and then eventually I decided to retire to my books.



4 Expanded noun phrases

3 Preposition phrases

2 Short snappy sentences (no more than 4 words)

1 Sentence including a relative clause



4 Expanded noun phrases

Bare, sinuous trees awaited their springtime leaves.

Amber lights shone from friendly windows and inside noisy revellers danced and cheered.

The narrow walkways and paths were bathed in the pale light of a milky moon.

Houses of all sizes dotted the grassy clifftop.

3 Preposition phrases

High above the village, at the edge of the cliff, sat the Briar's Rock lighthouse.

The light danced over the rooftop; the darkness was no match for its strength.

Beyond the cliffs, the restless sea gurgled and churned.

2 Short snappy sentences (no more than 4 words)

Light swept the village.

The villagers cheered.

1 Sentence including a relative clause

The lighthouse, which didn't benefit from the same warm glow of the beam, stood stoically in the near darkness.

Lighthouse Resource 7b

High above the village, at the edge of the cliff, sat the Briar's Rock lighthouse. Its bright light danced over the rooftops and out to sea; the darkness was no match for its strength. In the village, the narrow walkways and paths were bathed in the pale light of a milky moon and bare, sinuous trees awaited their springtime leaves. Amber lights shone from friendly windows and inside noisy revellers danced and applauded. Houses of all sizes dotted the grassy clifftop, and beyond the cliffs and the pretty, little village, the restless sea gurgled and churned

Light swept the village. The villagers cheered. Light swept the village. More applause.

The lighthouse, which didn't benefit from the same warm glow of the beam, or the same cheeriness of the village, stood stoically watching in the near darkness.

Lighthouse Resource 7c

High above the village, at the edge of the cliff, sat the Briar's Rock lighthouse. Its bright light danced over the rooftops and out to sea; the darkness was no match for its strength. In the village, the narrow walkways and paths were bathed in the pale light of a milky moon and bare, sinuous trees awaited their springtime leaves. Amber lights shone from friendly windows and inside noisy revellers danced and applauded. Houses of all sizes dotted the grassy clifftop and beyond the cliffs and the pretty little village, the restless sea gurgled and churned

Light swept the village. The villagers cheered. Light swept the village. More applause.

The lighthouse, which didn't benefit from the same warm glow of the beam, or the same cheeriness of the village, stood stoically watching in the near darkness.

I was working at a table in my living quarters in the tower. Distracted by the noise of the repeated cheering, I attempted to block out the sound by closing the only open window. Suddenly, above me, I heard an unexpected grinding and then a loud clank, followed by darkness. The beam stopped turning. The villagers ceased cheering. The window blew open and extinguished my candle: almost as though it were in harmony with the light.

Lighthouse Resource 8a

I was working at a table.

The sound distracted me.

I shut the window.

The light went out.

Now write these in a sequenced paragraph into your book. You should include other details such as the candle blowing out, the villagers stopping their cheers and sound from the top of the lighthouse. Consider your openings.

1. I stood and fell.

I stood, pushing myself to my feet and accidentally knocking over a pile of books while stumbling in the darkness.

2. I lit my lantern.

3. I ran up the steps.

4. I saw the machinery had stopped.

5. I investigated the cogs and wheels.

6. I got hold of my toolkit

7. I ran to the top of the lighthouse.

8. I opened the casing for the light.

Lighthouse Resource 8c

stood	ignited	malfunctioned
arose	ascended	investigated
got to my feet	scaled	considered
stumble	scrambled	explored
tumble	ran	examined
tripped	clambered	grabbed
staggered	ceased	gripped
lurched	halted	seized
hesitated	frozen	snatched
lit	stopped	grasped

D- description

A- action

D- dialogue (not necessary
in this text)

W- where things are

A- adverbs

V- verbs

E- estimation of the time

R- rhetorical question

S- simile

Use the DADWAVERS structure to help vary your sentences.

E.g. Several seconds later, I scrambled to the next floor to inspect the machinery.

Lighthouse Resource 8d

I was inspecting the inside of the lantern cover and became side-tracked by a sound outside. Peering over the rim of the heavy glass door, it became apparent that the situation had worsened. The sound was a ship...and the ship was approaching. Time was of the essence. Whilst heaving the weighty covering from its position, I stumbled over my toolbox and tumbled backwards to the ground. CRASH!

The huge glass dome, which covered the inner-workings of the light, lay in pieces on the floor of the lighthouse. A feeling of helplessness hovered in the air and hope lay shattered alongside the glass casing. His heart pounded faster and faster until the drumming in his ears was unbearable and he felt suddenly very sick.

The horn sounded again. It was getting so close. I sat on the floor, trying find a solution inside my foggy mind. The waves beneath me crashed endlessly. My tie felt as if it were choking me. I took quick, shallow breaths. In the brief seconds which passed, I glanced out to the village and realised my only hope lay at the bottom of two hundred and fifty three steps.

Awkwardly scrambling to his feet, he darted for the door. The spiral staircase seemed endless, and with every step the lighthouse keeper's fears about the boat seemed to increase. Finally, the door was in sight. He ran, gasping, towards the exit. As he flung the door open, the sight which befell him was enough to make him stop. Momentarily, he stared. Walking towards him, with lanterns blazing and torches at the ready, were the inhabitants of nearly the entire village. Their smiles illuminated the pathway almost as much as the lights they carried. The journey back up the tower was one of optimism, and with every step he felt encouraged that all was not lost. After guiding the first group of villagers to the top of the lighthouse, with their lights and lanterns shining brightly in the darkness, the lighthouse keeper watched as others gathered in swathes along the clifftop. He watched as the ship safely navigated the rocks. He watched as strangers stood shoulder to shoulder with him and he watched knowing those strangers would soon be friends.

I inspected the lantern.

I examined the glass dome.

I scrutinised the interior of the light.

I studied the internal workings of the light to assess the damage.

I heard a ship.

I made out the sound of a ship approaching.

The sound of a ship's horn grew closer.

A ship signalled its approach with a long, loud horn and alerted me to the imminent danger it faced.

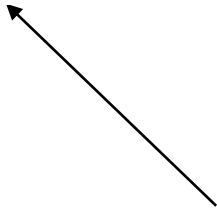
The glass covering was broken.

The glass lay on the floor in a hundred pieces.

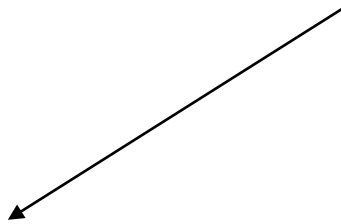
Shards of glass lay scattered around me.

The glass dome shattered immediately upon impact with the floor.

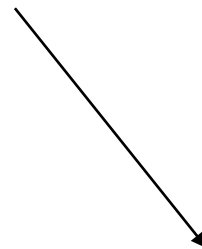
Panic-stricken



The glass dome shattered into a hundred pieces.



I was filled with an instant dread



hope disappeared

Lighthouse Resource 9c

1) The horn sounded again. It was getting closer. I sat on the floor, trying find a solution inside my foggy mind. Waves beneath me crashed endlessly. My tie felt as if it were choking me. I took quick, shallow breaths. In the brief seconds which passed, I glanced out to the village and realised my only hope lay at the bottom of two hundred and fifty three steps.

2) The boat neared the lighthouse and I could hear the sound of the horn blaring through the pitch-black night. The sound of the roaring engine churned over and over and I could tell that, at the speed they were travelling at, they would reach the perilous rocks in around ten minutes. I sat on the cold metal of the lighthouse floor, trying to find a solution inside my foggy mind as to how I would stop the boat from approaching. The clothes around my neck felt restrictive and it felt almost as though my tie was attempting to choke me. Therefore, my breathing was difficult and I took quick, sharp, shallow breaths while I considered my options. Several seconds passed and I looked to the left of me down to the village at the bottom of the lighthouse and realised that my only hope lay at the bottom of two hundred and fifty three steps.

Lighthouse Resource 10a

DADWAVERS

	Example sentences
Description	A warm, amber glow illuminated the clifftop, though the smiles from the villagers radiated much further.
Action	Waves seemed to crash endlessly against the bottom of the cliff; they chewed at the rocks and warned of a storm brewing.
Dialogue	'Thank goodness,' whispered the lighthouse keeper, under his breath. <i>(It is advised not to used dialogue in this piece unless other speech has already been used).</i>
Where things are	Below the towering lighthouse, the boat bobbed and rocked through the choppy sea.
Adverbs	Carefully navigating the spiralled staircase with their lamps and torches in-hand, the villagers moved upwards towards the lantern room.
Verbs	Scrambling over the clifftop, the villagers jostled into their positions to look out over the sea.
Estimation of the time	Several moments later, he emerged on to the platform and then out into the cold, night air.
Rhetorical question	Would the boat see them in time to turn?
Simile	The villagers stood, like a host of angels, guiding the ship to safety.

Lighthouse Resource 10b

