YEAR 8 · READING SKILLS

Missing Words in a Story

Name _____ **Date** _____

What to do: Choose the best word from the word bank for each numbered gap. Write it neatly on the line. Use each word once.

Word bank

Every word is used once

• **relieved**	• **staircase**	• **signal**
• **coastal**	• **beneath**	• **powerful**
• **slippery**	• **rescued**	• **symbol**
• **cautiously**	• **relentless**	• **creaked**
• **suddenly**	• **flickered**	• **distant**

The Lighthouse on the Headland

STORY

Greywick was a small (1) _____ village, and everyone knew the old lighthouse on the headland had been dark for years. But on Friday evening, as (2) _____ rain swept across the harbour, Lena noticed a faint glow in its highest window. It (3) _____ twice, then steadied.

Lena hurried from the community hall. The path up the cliff was (4) _____, so she climbed (5) _____, keeping one hand on the rail. Inside, an iron (6) _____ curled towards the lantern room. Each step (7) _____ beneath her boots. At the top, she found a dusty chart. (8) _____ it lay a note, with a red (9) _____ drawn beside a brass hand-wheel.

Before she could read the note, the lamp (10) _____ went dark. Outside, a small fishing boat was pitching in the waves. Its crew flashed three short beams from a torch — the agreed (11) _____ for help.

Lena gripped the hand-wheel and turned it. A (12) _____ beam swept across the sea, pointing towards the harbour entrance. Far below, a (13) _____ horn answered. A rescue boat had seen the light. Minutes later, its crew reached the fishing boat and the sailors were (14) _____ safely to shore.

Only then did Lena notice how hard she was shaking. She let out a laugh, (15) _____ to see the boat safe.

Before you finish, check that every numbered gap has one word.