

Fiction Reading Comprehension

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 **Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below.**

The old lighthouse keeper's cottage had been empty for three years when Maya first discovered it. Perched on the edge of the cliff, it overlooked the wild Atlantic Ocean, its windows like hollow eyes staring out to sea. Maya had stumbled upon it during one of her afternoon walks, when the coastal path led her further than she'd ever ventured before.

She pushed open the weathered wooden door, which groaned in protest. Inside, dust particles danced in the shafts of sunlight that pierced through the grimy windows. The room was sparse—a rickety table, a broken chair, and in the corner, a leather-bound journal covered in a thick layer of dust.

Maya's curiosity overcame her hesitation. She carefully picked up the journal and blew off the dust, causing herself to sneeze three times in quick succession. The first page bore an inscription in faded ink: "The Daily Record of Thomas Brennan, Lighthouse Keeper, 1967."

As she flipped through the yellowed pages, Maya became absorbed in Thomas's world. He wrote about the storms that battered the coast, the ships he'd guided to safety with his beacon, and the loneliness of his isolated post. But it was the final entry that made Maya's heart race: "Today I saw something in the water that I cannot explain. I must investigate further tomorrow."

There were no more entries after that date. Maya looked up from the journal, her mind swirling with questions. What had Thomas seen? Why had he stopped writing? She glanced out the window at the churning sea below, wondering if it still held secrets from that distant day in 1967.

1. Where is the lighthouse keeper's cottage located?

- A) In a valley near a river
- B) On the edge of a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean
- C) In the middle of a town
- D) On a sandy beach

2. How long had the cottage been empty when Maya found it?

- A) One year
- B) Five years
- C) Three years
- D) Ten years

3. What did Maya find in the corner of the cottage?

- A) A treasure chest
- B) A leather-bound journal
- C) An old photograph
- D) A broken lantern

4. Who wrote the journal Maya discovered?

- A) A ship's captain

- B) Maya's grandfather
- C) Thomas Brennan
- D) A local fisherman

5. In what year was the journal started?

- A) 1957
- B) 1967
- C) 1977
- D) 1987

6. Which word best describes Thomas's life as a lighthouse keeper?

- A) Exciting
- B) Lonely
- C) Luxurious
- D) Dangerous

7. What made Maya's heart race when reading the journal?

- A) A description of a terrible storm
- B) The final entry about something mysterious in the water
- C) A map hidden in the pages
- D) Thomas's description of her hometown

8. What mood does the author create at the end of the passage?

- A) Happy and celebratory
- B) Mysterious and intriguing
- C) Frightening and terrifying
- D) Sad and depressing