

Name _____

Lighthouse Gaps

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Every **fifth word** has been removed and replaced with a blank. Use your overall understanding of the story to fill in the missing words so that the passage makes sense. Answers may vary slightly, but they must fit logically and grammatically.

The Lighthouse Keeper

Long ago, a tall lighthouse stood at the edge of the rocky (1) _____. Each night, its beam shone brightly across the dark (2) _____, warning ships of danger. The keeper lived alone inside, climbing the spiral (3) _____, every evening to light the flame. Storms were frequent in this region, and strong winds often rattled the heavy (4) _____.

One winter night, the sea grew violent, and waves pounded against the stone (5) _____. The keeper worked quickly, making sure the fire stayed (6) _____, for without it, sailors could lose their way. Hours passed, but he never left his (7) _____, knowing the lives of others depended on his duty. When the storm finally ended, the lighthouse still (8) _____, a sign of safety and hope for every ship that passed.

