



*After reading the poem ...*

1. Explain why the investigators set sail to Flannan Isle (lines 1-8).
2. Describe the atmosphere and weather as the journey began (lines 9-12).
3. Identify the simile used in line 12 to describe the boat and explain why it is effective.
4. Within lines 13-19, the atmosphere and weather change. Describe these changes.
5. Describe the birds in lines 24-30.
6. Explain what the investigators were doing and describe how they felt in lines 31-55.
7. What did the investigators find in lines 56-62?
8. How did the investigators feel about entering the living room in lines 63-69 ?
9. Explain what they found in lines 70-78, and what ideas this gave them about what happened to the lighthouse keepers of Flannan Isle (lines 79-87).
10. What happened to the ten previous 'keepers'?
11. Describe how you imagine the investigators felt in the final 8 lines of the poem.



## Lighthouses

Lighthouses are tall buildings with powerful rotating lights which are positioned near dangerous rocks, often in the middle of the sea. Their purpose is to warn ships of danger. In the past most lighthouses were looked after by lighthouse keepers whose job it was to ensure that the lights worked properly. Nowadays they are usually operated mechanically.

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain what a lighthouse is.
2. Why are lighthouses important?
3. Who used to look after lighthouses?
4. What do you think would be the good and bad things about that job?

Imagine that you live in a lighthouse. Fill each box below with appropriate examples of SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS, TASTES, TOUCHES and FEELINGS which you might experience.

