

THE WRITING CLUB

Sydney's writing specialist

PRACTICE PAPER

OC Test Practice Paper

Sample writing, reading and thinking-skills practice for Opportunity Class preparation (Years 3–4).

WRITING

Writing task

Write for 15 minutes on the following prompt.

- Describe a place that makes you feel calm. Use detail so your reader can picture it.

READING

Reading comprehension

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

'The old lighthouse had not been lit for fifty years. Its paint had peeled and its windows were cloudy with salt. But every evening, Maya climbed the hill to watch it, imagining the ships it had once guided safely home.'

1. Why is the lighthouse no longer working?
2. Find a word in the passage that means 'covered in a cloudy film'.
3. What does Maya do every evening?
4. What can you infer about how Maya feels about the lighthouse?

Answer key

1. It has not been lit for fifty years (it is old / no longer used).
2. 'Cloudy' (windows cloudy with salt).
3. She climbs the hill to watch it.
4. She admires it / is fascinated by it / feels a connection to its history (any reasonable inference).

THINKING SKILLS

Thinking skills (sample)

Choose the best answer.

1. If all Bloops are Razzies, and all Razzies are Lazzies, then all Bloops are definitely: (a) Lazzies (b) only Razzies (c) not Lazzies
2. A sequence goes 2, 4, 8, 16 ... What comes next?
3. Tom is taller than Sam. Sam is taller than Ben. Who is shortest?
4. Which word does not belong: apple, carrot, banana, grape?

Answer key

1. (a) Lazzies.
2. 32 (each number doubles).
3. Ben.
4. Carrot (it is a vegetable; the others are fruit).

