

Wednesday 1st July

WALT: Plan and draft our
Lighthouse story

WILF: I can use fronted adverbials

I can use 'ed and 'ing' sentences

I can use cohesive devices.

I can write in paragraphs

I can use a variety of different sentence types.

The Lighthouse



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Suddenly = adverb

Bright = adjective

Flickered = verb

Astonished, horrified and confused = A 3-ed sentence (adjectives showing how a character is feeling)

3ed sentences.

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Bewildered, Worried, panicked, the lighthouse keeper rushed to check the lamp.

Can you think of 3 'ed' adjectives to describe the villagers?

Can you think of 3 'ed' adjectives to describe the lighthouse keeper?

Task

- Make some notes on the separate planning sheet – use the vocabulary sheet to help you
- Then try to write the opening paragraph describing the scene and introducing the Lighthouse keeper. There are examples on the next slides.

An example opening using different sentences

4 Expanded noun phrases

Bare, sinuous trees awaited their springtime leaves.

Amber lights shone from friendly windows and inside noisy revellers danced and cheered.

The narrow walkways and paths were bathed in the pale light of a milky moon.

Houses of all sizes dotted the grassy clifftop.

3 Preposition phrases

High above the village, at the edge of the cliff, sat the Briar's Rock lighthouse.

The light danced over the rooftop; the darkness was no match for its strength.

Beyond the cliffs, the restless sea gurgled and churned.

2 Short snappy sentences (no more than 4 words)

Light swept the village.

The villagers cheered.

1 Sentence including a relative clause

The lighthouse, which didn't benefit from the same warm glow of the beam, stood stoically in the near darkness.

Another example opening

High above the village, at the edge of the cliff, sat the Briar's Rock lighthouse. Its bright light danced over the rooftops and out to sea; the darkness was no match for its strength. In the village, the narrow walkways and paths were bathed in the pale light of a milky moon and bare, sinuous trees awaited their springtime leaves. Amber lights shone from friendly windows and inside noisy revellers danced and applauded. Houses of all sizes dotted the grassy cliff top and beyond the cliffs and the pretty little village, the restless sea gurgled and churned Light swept the village. The villagers cheered.

Light swept the village. More applause.

The lighthouse, which didn't benefit from the same warm glow of the beam, or the same cheeriness of the village, stood stoically watching in the near darkness.

Another example opening

High above, the moon shone **brightly** in the **dark, misty** sky. **Far below**, the waves crashed **angrily** against the cliffs; it was a dangerous night to be out at sea! **Relaxed and jovial, happy and merry**, the villagers laughed **loudly** from within the local inn.

Meanwhile, alone **at his desk**, the lighthouse keeper sat working. He was an old man with **dark, thinning** hair and skin as wrinkly as a prune.

Plenary

Share your descriptive opening with a member of your family. What did you do well? What do they think you could improve next time?