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THE LIGHTHOUSE GHOST

– Worksheet



Chapter 2 – Emergency at the beach

Alex receives Steve's phone call. He and Megan tell their grandparent there's an emergency at Caravel Beach. They're worried. They put on their jackets and go to Caravel Beach. It's a foggy, windy day.

1. Before you read - Match these words from the text to their definition.

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| 1. scary | a. something that is very dangerous or very difficult |
| 2. jellyfish | b. a big bird that lives near the sea |
| 3. seagull | c. makes you afraid |
| 4. fisherman | d. this man goes fishing in the sea and then sells the fish to the market |
| 5. emergency | e. a strange kind of fish |
| 6. mystery | f. an informal American expression used to address friends |
| 7. guys | 1. something strange and difficult to understand |

2. Read the first part of the extract.

When Alex and Megan get to Caravel Beach, they see Steve Murray and his dad Jack. Jack is a tall man with red hair and friendly green eyes. There are other fishermen on the beach. Everyone is worried.

"Thanks for coming," says Steve. "Look at the beach!"

Alex and Megan see hundreds of dead fish, dead jellyfish and three dead seagulls on the beach.

"Oh, no!" shouts Megan. "What's happening?"

"Hi, guys!" says Jack Murray. "I don't know what's happening, but it's something terrible. There are a lot of dead fish and dead jellyfish in the ocean. I saw them this morning from my fishing boat. This is really bad for my job because I'm a fisherman. I need to catch fish and sell them!"

Jack Murray is sad and worried. He goes and talks to Mr Johnson and the other fishermen on the beach.

Alex, Megan and Steve look at the dead fish on the beach. "It's scary!" says Megan.

"Let's go and talk to Mr Johnson."

Mr Johnson is a strange old man and a friend of Mr Murray and the other fishermen. He helps them with their boats. He's about sixty and he's short and strong. He has white hair and a beard. He lives alone in an old house on a hill near the beach. His only friend is his dog, Rover. He looks at the people on the beach, but he doesn't say anything.

"Hello, Mr Johnson," says Steve.

The old man looks at Steve and asks, "What's happening?"

"We don't know," says Steve, "but my dad says that something's really wrong."

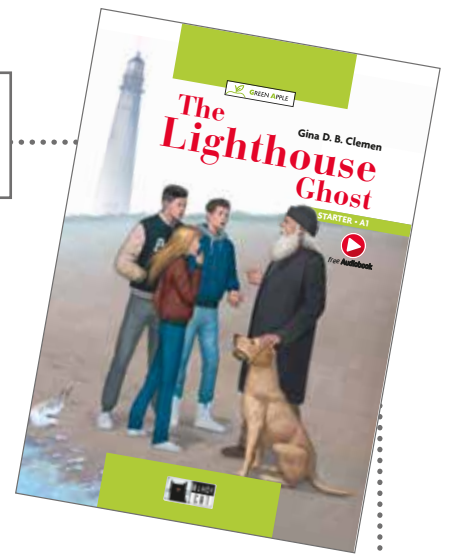
Mr Johnson looks at Steve, Megan and Alex and says, "Well, I know...I know! Black Barney's back! *His ghost is back and he's angry!*"

"What are you saying, Mr Johnson?" asks Megan, surprised.



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3. Chapter 3 – The light at the window

Alex and Megan are having dinner at home with their parents. They tell their dad about the emergency at Caravel Beach. Their dad tells them that sometimes when the season changes, fish and jellyfish die at sea. Then they come onto the beaches. He tells them not to worry for now.

After dinner, Megan and Alex go upstairs to their room. They start to do their homework. Their room is on the second floor of the big house. They can see Caravel Beach and the old lighthouse from their window.

Megan looks out of the window and says, “What a foggy evening! It’s really November.” “And it’s cold and windy, too,” says Alex, putting on his blue sweater.

Megan says, “Alex, come here quickly! Look, there’s a small light in the window at the top of the lighthouse.”

“What?” says Alex, looking outside the window. “You’re right, there’s a small light! But it’s very foggy and it’s difficult to see it.”

“No one lives in the old lighthouse,” says Megan. “Why is there a light? Who’s there?” They both look again, but it’s too foggy. They can’t see the light anymore.

Alex and Megan look at each other. Alex is excited and says, “Something strange is happening. First, the dead fish and jellyfish on the beach. And now the light in the old lighthouse!”

“It’s a mystery,” says Megan, looking at the fog outside the window.

“Let’s tell Steve tomorrow,” says Alex. “But now we must do our homework.”

4. Look at this sentence: “No one lives in the old lighthouse. Why is there a light? Who’s there?”

In pairs or small groups, comment on this sentence.

5. What do you think will happen? Is Black Barney’s ghost really back? Why are there dead fish and dead jellyfish on the beach? Continue the story with your own ideas.

