

## **2.5 A HEROINE OF THE SEA**

### **WARMING UP!**

**(1) Read the names of the parts of a ship and their description and label the diagram of the ship below.**

**(a) anchor - an inverted T shaped structure of iron  
to hold a ship on the spot**

**(b) beam - broadest part of a ship side to side**

**(c) bow - front part of a ship**

**(d) bilge/keel- bottom of a ship**

**(e) bridge/cockpit/wheel house- control cabin of a  
ship**

**(f) crow's nest - top most part / post of a ship from  
where a sailor can look out**

**(g) hull – portion of the ship seen above sea-water  
level**

**(h) portholes – small windows on the side of a ship**

### **MARGIN QUESTIONS**

**1) What role did the lighthouse play?**

**Ans: The lights from the lighthouses shine across the sea and warn sailors at night of dangerous rocks.**

**2) What efforts did Grace's father take to educate his children?**

**Ans: Grace's father was a wise and educated man who brought up his children very carefully. Grace and her brother were all taught to read and write. Their father also taught them to be honest, brave and unselfish.**

**3) What was Grace always unhappy about?**

**Ans: Grace always unhappy about the poor sailors who were at sea in the storm.**

**4) What did Grace notice from her window?**

**Ans: Grace noticed that there were people clinging on to the rocks from her window.**

**5) How did Grace and her father come to the rocks?**

**Ans: The Boat went up and down over the waves as high as hills. Every time they went down the boat nearly went under the water. Little by little with all their strength on the oars, they came to the rocks.**

**6) At the most, how many could the boat carry?**

**Ans: At the most the boat can carry only 7 people in a time.**

**7) How did the Darling family become famous?**

**Ans: After the several days those passenger were able to return to their homes in England. They told the story of the brave girl Grace and her father to**

their families and friends, suddenly Grace darling and her father were famous.

## **ENGLISH WORKSHOP**

**1. Find from the story the antonyms of:**

**Coward × brave**

**rare × common**

**carelessly × carefully**

**disagreed × agreed**

**selfish × unselfish**

**enemies × friends**

**happy × unhappy**

**forgot × remembered**

**2. Pick out words from the story, make a list of 8 words related to sea-travel. For example: lighthouse**

**(1) sailors**

**(5) wind**

**(2) ship**

**(6) wave**

**(3) shipwreck**

**(7) passenger**

**(4) storm**

**(8) oars**

**3. Write any two dialogues from the story which prove the following:**

**Grace Darling was selfless and brave:**

**\* “We must rescue them before they are drowned!”**

**\* I can row a boat as well as any man. I’m**

**William Darling was unwilling to take a risk:**

**\* “It is hopeless. We can do nothing.”**

**\* How can I row a boat by myself through**

**Grace Darling was selfless and brave:**

**\* “No,no!” How will it help those poor people if you are drowned?**

**\* You can’t row in this storm.**

**4. Answer in short in your own words.**

**(a) She stayed back home, with her parents WHO?**

**Ans: Grace stayed back home, with her parents.**

**(b) A ship was wrecked that night. WHY?**

**Ans: On the night of September 6th 1838, a terrible storm was blowing.**

**(c) Nine men and women did not drown. WHY NOT?**

**Ans: Nine men and women were able to climb on to a rock. They were clinging on to the rocks.**

**(d) Grace said she would help her father to rescue. HOW?**

**Ans: Grace said that she can help him to row the boat as well as any man and that she has often rowed with him.**

**(e) Using all their strength to row, they came there. WHERE?**

**Ans: Using all their strength to row, they came nearer the rocks.**

**5. How can you, as a young student, help people in a terrible road accident? Write 5 types of action you can take.**

- (1) I can call the ambulance.**
- (2) I can clear the road traffic.**
- (3) Inform the police.**
- (4) Provide first aid to the injured.**
- (5) I can inform their relatives.**

**Ans:**

<b>How will you help the people who meet with an accident?</b>	<b>1. I can call the ambulance 2. Admit the injured in nearby hospital 3. I can clear the road traffic 4. Call local people for help 5. Inform the police 6. Provide first aid 7. Try to help them out of the disaster 8. Inform their relatives</b>
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**6. Things to do:**

**(i) Describe the life of family who lives in lighthouses.**

**The life of lighthouse families is very tough. They live an isolated life away from society. There were no shops, no public transport and no more facilities available.. The family members do not have any**

**social life. They are cut off from the world. They have the company of the sea and the sound of the waves. In a way the life in lighthouse is dull, inactive and mundane.**

**7. Discuss in groups and write about the life of Grace using following guide lines**

<b>Grace's Life</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Place of living</b></li><li><b>2. Her helping nature</b></li><li><b>3. Her education</b></li><li><b>4. Her bravery act</b></li><li><b>5. Her unselfishness</b></li><li><b>6. How she finally rewarded</b></li><li><b>7. The challenges, she had in the lighthouse</b></li><li><b>8. Support from parents</b></li></ol>
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**Grace lived in lighthouses, at different places. She lived with her parents and brothers and sisters. Grace was the youngest of all. It was a lonely and isolated life far from any town or village. She was given education by her father. She was brought up by her parents. She stayed with her parents after her siblings went to city for education. Living a lonely life in the light house was the challenge itself. Grace was a strong girl. She was very sensitive and unselfish. She felt sad to see others in sorrow. She always got support of her parents. Grace had helping nature, therefore she requested her father to**

**rescue the passengers stuck on the rock. She herself rowed the boat in wild storm and saved nine unfortunate passengers. These rescued passengers made Grace and her father famous. Thus they were rewarded for their noble and human act of bravery.**

**8. Imagine you have read in the News about how Grace Darling's courage saved some ships-wrecked people. Write a letter of congratulations to her and her family for the brave, humane act.**

**Dear grace,**

**I feel very happy to see your news in today's newspaper. It was very brave of you to rescue people in such big storm. Many people would have preferred to stay in the light house rather than venturing out in the storm to help others, you have risked your life and set an example for many of us. This act of you and your family taking care**

**of the people in distress shows humanity and also influences lot of youth to help others and be brave in situations such as these.**

**I take this opportunity to congratulate you and your family.**

**Thanking you.**