

The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat

Every evening at dusk, Juniper the cat climbed the one hundred and twelve steps of the old lighthouse. She sat beside the great lamp while the keeper polished the glass, and together they watched the fishing boats return. One stormy night the power failed. The keeper lit the emergency lantern, but it was Juniper who noticed the small boat drifting towards the rocks. She yowled and scratched at the window until the keeper saw it too, and he flashed the lantern until the boat turned safely into the harbour. The next morning the fishermen left a parcel of sardines on the doorstep, addressed simply: To the second keeper.

Date

Time taken

Errors

Net WPM

Notes