



# GRACE DARLING

Escuela Superior  
de Tizayuca



## ACTIVITY BOOK



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# EXERCISES

## BEFORE READING

### ACTIVITIES

#### Before Reading

1 Read the story introduction on the first page of the book, and the back cover. How much do you know now about the story? Tick one box for each sentence.

	YES	NO
1 The story is true.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Grace Darling was a young man.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 The story happened in 1838.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 The Forfarshire was a ship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 The story happened off the north-east coast of Scotland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 It was a hot, dry night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 There was a wooden boat and an iron ship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Some people were dying of cold on a rock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Grace Darling was very	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Grace Darling became famous.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Which of these things can mean danger for a ship at sea? Explain why or why not.

strong wind

blue skies

rocks

sea birds

heavy rain

fish

snow

big waves

very hot sun

storms

islands

very deep water

other big ships

small sailing boats

the dark



# EXERCISES

## WHILE READING

Read Chapter 1. On the ship Daniel Donovan starts to feel very afraid. Use these words from the story to complete the text. (Use each word once.)

*angel, broken, dark, engines, frightened, happen, land, ship, stopped, waves, wind, worse*

I feel very \_\_\_\_\_. The ship's \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ down and the big paddle wheels have \_\_\_\_\_.

The weather is getting \_\_\_\_\_ and it's nearly \_\_\_\_\_ now.  
We can't see the \_\_\_\_\_ any more. There is a very strong \_\_\_\_\_ and big \_\_\_\_\_ are hitting the side of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Everybody on the Forfarshire is afraid. We don't know what is going to \_\_\_\_\_. We need an \_\_\_\_\_ to save us!

Read Chapter 2, and then answer these questions.

- 1 Who was in the lighthouse that night?
- 2 Where were Grace's brothers?
- 3 How old were Grace, William and Thomasin?
- 4 What did William and Grace do to the lantern?
- 5 What was the lantern for?
- 6 If there was a shipwreck, what did William have to do?



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## WHILE READING

Read Chapters 3 and 4. Here are some untrue sentences about them. Change them into true sentences.

- 1 The ship's engines were new.
- 2 The ship's engineer could mend the engines.
- 3 Daniel Donovan wanted the ship to stay at sea.
- 4 Grace never got up in the night to help her father.
- 5 They carried the oars into the kitchen.
- 6 William watched the light, and Grace went to bed.

Read Chapters 5 and 6. Who said this?

- 1 I'm so frightened. Do you think we're going to die?
- 2 'Rocks! There are rocks in front of us, rocks all round!'
- 3 'There's a ship on Harker's Rock.'
- 4 'I can see no one, but my eyes are old.'
- 5 If there are people alive on that ship now, you cannot save them, William.'
- 6 'If there is someone alive, we can't just leave them to die.'

Read Chapters 7, 8 and 9. Choose the best question-word for these questions, and then answer them.

Why / Who/ What

- 1 ... prayed on the rock in a loud voice?
- 2 ... did Daniel want everybody to do?
- 3 ... was it difficult to stand at the top of the rock?
- 4 ... first saw the people on the rock?





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## WHILE READING

5... was Grace angry?

6... was the matter with Mrs Dawson's children?

7... first saw the boat?

Before you read Chapter 10 (the title is Too Many People), can you guess what happens? Tick one box each time.

	YES	NO
1 Grace gets very tired and cannot row any more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Grace falls into the sea and William pulls her back into the boat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Mrs Dawson falls into the sea and drowns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 William and Grace can only take five people in the boat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 They leave Mrs Dawson's dead children on the rock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 The rest of the people on the rock die.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 William takes the boat back a second time and saves more people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Read Chapter 10, then answer these questions.

1 What did William and Grace do when they arrived at the rock?

2 Why did William need three strong men?

3 What did Grace use her hat for?

4 Who went back in the boat the second time?

5 How many people did William and Grace save?



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## AFTER READING

**1** Thomasin Darling wrote a letter to her son William, telling him about the stormy night. Can you find and correct the twelve mistakes in it?

*The Lighthouse, Longstone Island*

Dear William

I have so much to tell you! We have had a terrible storm here. It lasted for forty-eight hours, and the waves were more than two metres high!

A ship called the Scotland was wrecked on the beach. It was a small ship and it broke into four pieces. All of the passengers climbed onto Harker's Rock.

I was the first person to see the shipwreck and the passengers waving on the rock. Your father and Grace then got the boat out and rowed to the rock, but only four people could get in our little boat. The passengers did not help to row the boat back, and then your father and one other man went to the rock a second time and saved four more passengers.

Your sister Grace is now famous heroine, and the King is writing to thank her - it's in all the newspapers!

Come home soon.  
Love from Mother



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2 Find the answers to this crossword in the story.

### ACROSS

- 1 Grace watched the ship through a \_\_\_\_\_. (9)
- 4 The ship was going \_\_\_\_\_. from Hull to Dundee. (5)
- 6 name of the ship. (11)
- 9 You row a boat with two of these. (4)
- 12 Daniel Donovan's job. (8)
- 13 Land which is not an island. (8)
- 14 To move a boat with oars. (3)
- 15 The ship was in 1838. (7)

### DOWN

- 2 The Darling family lived in this. (10)
- 3 Grace put in the big lantern. (3)
- 5 Grace Darling was a famous \_\_\_\_\_. (7)
- 7 Daniel Donovan called Grace Darling an '\_\_\_\_\_' (5)
- 8 A man who works on a ship. (6)
- 10 The floor on a ship. (4)
- 11 Longstone Island was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ Islands. (5)





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## AFTER READING

**3** A reporter asked Daniel Donovan about the second journey to Harker's Rock. Complete their conversation. (Use as many words as you like.)

REPORTER: What happened when you arrived at the lighthouse?

DANIEL: William Darling asked \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTER: How did you feel about that?

DANIEL: I wanted \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTER: So the two of you rowed back to Harker's Rock

DANIEL: No, there \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTER: Was the storm still bad?

DANIEL: Yes, the waves \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTER: Were you afraid?

DANIEL: Very. But Grace Darling \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTER: And what do you think of Grace Darling?

DANIEL: She's \_\_\_\_\_

**4** William Darling took the woman and the man with the broken leg first. Imagine that you are saving people from a shipwreck, but your boat is small and you can only take four people. Which of these people do you save and why?

1 A mother and her young child

2 A doctor (older woman)

3 A nurse (young man)

4 A bus-driver (older man)





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5 A schoolboy (16 years old)

6 A famous film star (young woman)

7 A teacher (older woman)

8 A businessman (older man)

5 Do you agree (A) or disagree (D) with these sentences? Explain why.

1 The Captain of the *Forfarshire* was only doing his job. He wanted to take his ship and passengers to Scotland, and he was right not to go back to land.

2 Thomasin Darling didn't want Grace and William to go to the rock. She was right because it was a very stupid and dangerous thing to do.

3 Grace Darling was a famous heroine only because she was a young woman. William Darling, Daniel Donovan, and Thomas Buchanan were also heroes.

4 Grace Darling is not a special story. Grace and William Darling were only doing their jobs. People like firemen and policemen save people every day.

6 Here are some different titles for the story. Which ones are good (G) and which are not good (NG)? Can you say why?

Grace and William Darling

Heroine

The Angel from the Lighthouse

Shipwreck

The Captain Who Didn't Go Back

A Stormy Night

The End of the Forfarshire

Harker's Rock