

The Signalling Beach

— Clue 5

The shoreline curves inward as you round the last bend, and suddenly—there it is. The beach just passed the rock. Quiet, tucked beneath the cliffs, and nearly invisible unless you knew to look.

You step down through the brush and onto the sand. The air is still, the waves soft against the rocks. All around you are scattered fragments of the past: rusted gear, lengths of coiled wire, half-buried crates, and metal parts long corroded by salt and time. Whatever this place was, it held purpose once.

As you explore the beach, your eyes land on a weather-worn wooden crate, partly hidden beneath a drift of sand and seaweed. Stenciled on the top in faded block letters:

“HAM RADIO – PROPERTY OF ...” The name is faded.

This is it. The signaling equipment you’ve been searching for. If it still works—or if it can be salvaged—you might have a way off this island.

But there’s a problem.

The crate is locked tight with an old steel combination lock. A dial for letters—**five spaces**. No numbers.

Etched into a metal plate just above the lock is a message:

“To open this box, remember what mattered most. The key is not in the wires—but in the heart of the man who kept this station alive.”

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Just as you’re piecing it together, you notice the wind has picked up—and the sea is shifting. The once-gentle waves are growing rough, the clouds moving quickly now overhead.

Solve the puzzle quickly. Then **head back to Camp Sharkfin**.

The window to signal for help—and escape—may be closing.

Your Objective:

Everything you need to unlock the box are in the details of the beach and the clues you’ve gathered so far, find the five letter word, then head back to Camp Sharkfin and open Clue 6 to check your answer.