



Reading Comprehension

Gold

This Gold passage uses richer vocabulary and requires deeper inference than the Silver level.

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The Passage

The abandoned lighthouse had always fascinated Elsie, though her grandad refused to explain why nobody visited it anymore. Its once-white walls were streaked grey with age, and the door hung slightly ajar, as if someone had left in a hurry and never returned. "Some things," he said quietly, "are better left as mysteries." But that only made Elsie more determined to find out the truth.

Questions

1. Find and copy a phrase that suggests the lighthouse has been neglected for a long time.

2. What does "ajar" mean in this context?

3. Why do you think the grandad refuses to explain about the lighthouse?

4. What does Elsie's reaction to her grandad's words tell you about her personality?

5. Predict what might happen next in this story. Use evidence from the passage to support your prediction.
