

Thomas had been here countless times as he grew up. The old boathouse stood as a reminder that this had once been a proud fishing village sadly forgotten by time. When he was old enough he would leave and get as far away as possible. There was nothing here that could make him stay.

A look of disbelief filled his face as the boat house door was open. Temptation overtook him. He crept forward, stepped inside and waited for his eyes to adjust to the darkness.

Silently, the door closed behind him. A booming voice asked, "Can I help you?"



1. How old do you think Thomas is? Why do you think this?
2. Why do you think that the open door is a surprise?
3. Who do you think asks "Can I help you?". Why do you think this? What might Thomas reply?
4. Describe the fishing village. What might it look like? Why?
5. What do you think Thomas might have seen inside the boathouse?

A Starter for 10

**Be a detective.**



How has fishing changed through history?

Find out about a deserted town or city. Where is it? Can you find it on a map? Why was it deserted?

When were the first lifeboats created? Find out about an amazing lifeboat rescue.

Old buildings are modernised, design a beach hut for people to stay in so that they can enjoy this beach.

Find out about the life of a fisherman. What dangers do they face?

Commercial whale hunting was banned in 1987. Research whale hunting. Should whales be hunted?