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## Text Organization

Read the passage. Then read each question and fill in the circle next to the best answer.

# Saving a Lighthouse

## A Moving Experience

How do you move something that stands 198 feet tall and weighs about 4,800 tons? You use great care and a lot of skill. In December of 1998, workers had to move the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse a distance of 2,899 feet.

## Why Did They Move It?

The lighthouse, which was built more than 130 years ago, was in danger of falling into the ocean. When first built, it stood 1,600 feet from the sea. Over time, waves had washed away much of the beach. By 1998, the lighthouse was just 120 feet from the Atlantic Ocean.

## How Did They Move It?

Engineers carefully planned the lighthouse move. First, workers broke apart the lighthouse base, bit by bit, supporting the lighthouse with steel posts and beams. Then, they raised the lighthouse onto lifting jacks. They placed steel rollers under the jacks. After that, they slowly moved the lighthouse across metal tracks.

The move took 23 days. The lighthouse reached its new site without a single crack. Workers lowered the lighthouse onto a new base a safe distance from the ocean.

Interesting Facts	
What is a lighthouse? A lighthouse is a tower with a light at the top. The light warns ships of dangers near the shore.	Where is Cape Hatteras? Cape Hatteras is part of an island off the coast of North Carolina.



1. What is the title of this passage?
  - A. Moving a Lighthouse
  - B. Saving a Lighthouse
  - C. Why Did They Move It?
  - D. How Did They Move It?
  
2. What part of this passage tells what a lighthouse is?
  - F. the title
  - G. the first paragraph
  - H. the second paragraph
  - J. the *Interesting Facts* box
  
3. What could be a heading for the last paragraph of the passage?
  - A. Moving the Lighthouse
  - B. How Did the Move Turn Out?
  - C. How Many Days Did the Move Take?
  - D. Where Is the Lighthouse?
  
4. What part of the passage tells what workers had to do to move the lighthouse?
  - F. A Moving Experience
  - G. Why Did They Move It?
  - H. How Did They Move It?
  - J. the *Interesting Facts* box
  
5. What is the purpose of the *Interesting Facts* box at the end of the story?
  - A. to provide helpful details
  - B. to give the author's opinion
  - C. to explain the title of the story
  - D. to review the main idea

