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Text for Section A, an extract from *Lampie* by Annet Schaap

Lampie lives with her father, who is a lighthouse-keeper.

By the time dusk falls, the lamp must be lit. It is always the girl who lights it. Every night, she climbs the sixty-one steps, opens the rusty little door, lights the wick, winds up the mechanism that turns the lamp, shuts the door, and the job is done.

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It was hard work when she was younger, but now her arms have grown strong and her legs can easily climb up and down the steps twice a day. Three times if she forgets the matches. That happens sometimes, and her father always grumbles at her.

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'It's almost dark and the lamp's not lit! What if a ship is lost, child? What if it runs aground on the rocks and it's all my fault? No – all *your* fault! Hurry up! Climb those stairs! Or should I just do it myself?'

'I'm on my way,' the girl mutters, taking the matches from the drawer. The box rattles quietly. There's only one match left.

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Must buy more matches tomorrow, she thinks. Don't forget.

The girl knows though, that remembering can be difficult. She always has so much inside her head: songs, stories, things she has to learn, things she wants to forget but that keep coming back.

As she climbs the stairs, she comes up with a little trick. What was it she wanted to remember? Oh yes. In her mind, she picks up a matchbox and then places it on a table in the middle of her head – with a little lamp shining onto the box, so that it will be the first thing she sees when she wakes up tomorrow morning. Or so she hopes.

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Think of a lamp, Lampie, she tells herself.

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Because that's her name. Lampie.

Her real name is Emilia. But that had been her mother's name too. And her father had always found it annoying when two people looked up when he called the name. So he calls her Lampie instead.

'You're not the brightest of lights though, are you, Lampie?' he always says whenever she forgets something.

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Lampie climbs upstairs with the last match. She has to be very careful. It must not go out before the lamp is lit, because then... Shipwrecks and an angry father. She is not sure which would be worse.

‘Lampie!’ Her father’s voice is loud, even though it is coming from sixty-one steps below. ‘The light! NOW!’ 35

Usually he has been asleep for ages by this time of day, snoring away in his chair. But not tonight. She strikes the match. A tiny, useless spark. And again. This time there is a proper flame. That’s good. She cups her other hand around the match and brings it to the wick. Come on! The flame hesitates a little, before growing bigger. 40

‘Flame, flame, burn hot and quick.
Drink the oil and eat the wick!’

She quietly sings to herself, as she looks into the bright light. She could feel a bit of a knot in her stomach before, but it is starting to loosen now. 45

Wind up the mechanism, done.
‘Matches, matches, must buy matches,’ she sings as she walks back down the stairs. Must remember to buy matches.

But still, she forgets.

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