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Dear Mr Todd,

Having visited Whitby and your house earlier on this week, I feel it is now my duty to relate to you how urgent it is that you relocate. My fellow students and I understand that your home has many precious memories and holds treasures from your past, but not moving could cause not only yourself, but also these things that you hold precious, to perish. By writing this letter, we hope to convince you that moving is the correct decision to take, and begin negotiating steps on how to move forward.

Our reasons for urging you to move are as follows:

To begin with, it is not recent news that your house has been slowly edging closer towards the sea due to coastal erosion. As the years have passed, the weather and natural course of nature have not been kind to West cliff and the surrounding cliffs, causing your house to become vulnerable. In recent years your neighbours have lost all to the merciless sea, and we would hate to see this happen to you, not when there is something that can be done about it.

After seeing your house just metres away from the dangerous cliff edge, we felt it only right that we should conduct research into coastal erosion in order for you to be fully informed of the risks to your property. We feel that if you have a better understanding of this natural occurrence that it may prompt you to relocate immediately.

Coastal erosion is a process where the cliffs/bodies of land surrounded by the sea begin to crumble due to the velocity of the weather and waves. Please see the illustration below.

Secondly, I understand that at the heart of your decision to remain in your house is the connection you have to it. It holds memories, stories and treasures that remind you of all the adventures you have had during your life. I know that in the past year it has been a struggle for you to leave your house due to the comfort it brings you; you feel that if your house goes then all would be lost.

We do not blame you for wanting to hold onto these, but we can help. We can support you and make you safe. When you are relocated to a different house it does not mean that Whitby is no longer your home. We know from examining the maps that Whitby is abundant with houses that are in safer locations. By moving you now we can ensure that all your treasured items (pictures, stories, sketches and furniture) are moved safely and do not need to be salvaged from the unforgiving depths of the ocean.

In addition, we have also made it our mission to share your stories of the forgotten Whitby, your wonderful whale encounter and show the world how you view Whitby- as a precious gem. We have already successfully helped you write the ending of your story and it is being published! We are also in the process of designing a Whitby website, to share with the world the wonders of Whitby. We would really love you to be involved in this and help us bring the website to life. Our hope is that as part of our website, we will be able to follow your legacy and keep raising awareness and protect

our wonderful whales. Finally, we will continue your love of story- telling to ensure that the haunting stories of Whitby do not fade, by dedicating a section of our website to sharing Whitby stories- combining the old with the new.

We hope that you understand that all this work we are doing is because we care. We want to make you safe, and we want you to know that you are an important part of the Whitby community. Although the years have gone by, and the sturdy cliff that your house is positioned on has weathered, it does not mean that what you have to offer and share with the world isn't of value. Please don't lose hope, or just give up, please accept our help.

As you can see, there are compelling arguments as to why you should let us help you move house.

Please consider the points I have raised in this letter carefully. My fellow students and I await your response.

Yours sincerely