

Copy and complete the following table, finding examples from the text which relate to the extract's themes and commenting on the way in which these examples illustrate the theme.

THEME	EXAMPLE	COMMENT
Isolation	'...quite alone and exposed, bearing the brunt of winter after winter of gales...'	The house itself is isolated. The word 'exposed' creates a sense of vulnerability that is enhanced by the fact that the house has had to survive the harsh elements. Ironically the narrator is trying to convince himself that the house is as 'steady as a lighthouse'.
The supernatural		
Fear		
A sense of the past		

*The Woman in Black* has many, though not all, of the features of the Gothic novel. The following table lists some of these features. Copy and complete the table, commenting on whether each element is present or not. If it is present, find evidence from the text to support your claim. If the feature is not present or has been changed to some extent, explain why.

FEATURE	PRESENT OR ABSENT	EVIDENCE OR EXPLANATION
Set in a castle		
An atmosphere of mystery and suspense		
An ancient prophecy		
Supernatural or mysterious events		
High emotion		
Women in distress		
A woman threatened by a tyrannical male	Absent	The extract makes no reference to a female character being threatened. You only learn of Mrs Drablow, who owned the house.
Vocabulary associated with the Gothic and relating to mystery, fear, terror and darkness		

### EXPLORING LANGUAGE

Hill uses a variety of techniques to build atmosphere and to convey the text's themes. Copy and complete the following table with examples of each technique, providing an explanation of its use. You may be able to spot more techniques than the ones which are mentioned.