How Do the Events in 'The Signalman' Foreshadow the Ending?

Success Criteria

- Identify a quotation that answers the question.
- Explain how the quotation answers the question.
- Explore another meaning of the quotation.
- Link either one of your ideas (explain or explore) with another quotation or idea in the text.

Example

The events in 'The Signalman' foreshadow the ending through the repetition of the phrase 'Below there! Look out!'. This phrase is used right at the beginning of the story by the narrator to get the attention of the signalman. Later, the signalman admits that a vision has come to him saying the same words. The fact it is repeated makes it memorable for the reader and also serves as a recurring warning for the signalman. At the end of the story, the signalman is killed by a train on the tracks and the train driver tried to warn him to move by shouting the same phrase.

