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**The Singing Leaf**

**(Story / Article / Play)**

***Let’s Draw***Do your own sketch/drawing/ diagram related to the journal or based on your own experiences.

***Who Am I?***

Choose any one of the characters in the journal and do a mini profile on them. This needs to include as much information about that character that you found in the journal.

***My Thesaurus***

Choose 5 words from the journal and write another word for each word chosen which has a similar meaning. E.g, Hot = Boiling . You may also like to do this as a Pictionary (drawing a picture of the similar meaning of the word).

Readability: 9-10 years

***Syllables***

Write down 2 words from the journal that have 2 syllables, and 1 word that has more than 2 syllables, E.g, Sometimes=some/timesSituation=sit/u/a/tion

***Chunking***

Write down 3 words from the journal that you can “Chunk” or split, so one word makes two words. E.g, Sometimes = some + times

***Did I Understand?***

*(Comprehension Questions)*

1. How do katydids camouflage themselves?

2. What do they feed on?

3. Where do they hide during the day?

4. Explain how katydids got their name.

5. How do they make sounds?

6. What are the babies called?

7. How many species are there in New Zealand?

8. Where are its ears located?

9. Would having our ears in the same place be good or bad? (say why)

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***Word Study*** Write and/or draw meanings for these words.

1. Amazon

2. Entomologists

3. Kikipounamu

4. Praying mantises

***What’s the Question?***

*(You write the question to the answer given below)*

1. 4000

2. Katydids

3. Nymph

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**My Opinion of the Story/Article** Rate the story/article you have just completed. Give at least one full good or bad point/reason of why you say this. This is what YOU thought of it.

***Activities*** *Choose one of the below (or your teacher will tell you which one to do) in relation to the story/article.*

Title Page Cartoon Drawing or similar

Model Wordfind / Crossword

Mini Pictionary Teacher Choice

Mobile/Craft Your Choice

***Picture Cues***

*Find the answers to these questions using the pictures in the story/article.*

1. How many red berries are there?

2. What is shown on page 24?

3. What is the map of?

4. What colour are most of the leaves?

***Odd 1 Out***

*Which is the odd one out which was not in or related to the story/article?*

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Climb

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