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**Born in the Year of the Rabbit**

**(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: 8.5-9.5 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. What are the years 1997 and 2009?

2. How many people live in the city?

3. Which year were you born and what sign are you?

4. How are New Zealand families different from Chinese families in relation to children?

5. Where do they go for a picnic?

6. Write a timetable of the school day in China.

7. How many children are in each class?

8. What are some of the similarities and differences of going to school in China and in New Zealand?

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

1. Population

2. Grade

3. Monitors

4. Pinyin

***What’s the Question?***

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

1. River

2. Jeep

3. Zhang Tian



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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 books are on the table?

2. What is in the basket?

3. How many years are shown?

4. What is on the trailer?

 ***Odd 1 Out***

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



Japan

Zhengzhou



China

Huang He

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