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**The Short Cut**

**(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: 9.5-10.5 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. Where were they flying to?

2. Where did the siren come from?

3. Why is the desert such a bad place to break down in?

4. How long did it take to get going again when they broke down the first time?

5. How long did it take to get to Los Angeles from Auckland?

6. How far did they have to walk at the end of the story?

7. What was the strange snuffling?

8.

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

1. GPS

2. Coverage

3. Reflecting

4. Plummets

***What’s the Question?***

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

1. Las Vegas

2. Shade

3. 750 millilitres



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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. What colour was their car?

2. How many legs were on the scorpion?

3. Describe the moon.

4. How many main roads can you see from the plane?

 ***Odd 1 Out***

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



Los Angeles

Christchurch



San Diego

Las Vegas

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