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**The Seagull Sponge**

**(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: 10-12 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 did Aunt Betsy mean by saying ‘Rotorua’?

2. Where did the gulls nest?

3. Who said they weren’t going to go egg hunting?

4. Why were the gulls screeching?

5. What was the blood from?

6. They crossed below... (what)

7. Were the seagull eggs better than the duck eggs?

8. Describe what “The Seagull Sponge” actually was.

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

1. Tide

2. Shoreline

3. Rock face

4. Plummeting

***What’s the Question?***

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

1. Rocky outcrop

2. A few scratches

3. Low tide

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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 eggs were on the plate?

2. What was on the table?

3. How many birds were on page 2?

4. How many eggs were on page 4?

***Odd 1 Out***

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

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Eggs

Gulls

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Easter Island

Chooks

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