

Week 1 Core Text Reading Comprehension Tasks: Year 5

Under the Weather



Day	Pages	Stem	Questions
Monday	Read: Pages 22-23	Predicting. I wonder... I think... The next part will be about... ...because....	Can you predict what will be so impressive about the beluga whales? Why do you think the title of the story is Sea Canaries (a type of bird known for singing)? Why do you think the whales might be in danger? Who might be responsible? How might Jess try to help?
Tuesday	Read pages: 24-25	Asking Questions Who is... Where are... How does he.... What might happen if...?	Write 5 questions of your own. Who, What, When, Where How? True or false? Fact or Opinion ?
Wednesday	Read: 26-27	Inferring The word * tells me... The part * suggests... This makes me think that... I think the character is.. I think the setting/mood is... because....	What makes everyone on the raft laugh? What evidence is there to show Jess really cares about the beluga whales? Who is Hank? How can you tell? What big decision does Jess make about her life? Why is she worried she will upset her parents?
Thursday	Read: 28-29	Making Connections I know about this because... I have seen this... This reminds me of.....because This character is similar too	Can you think of any other stories where the child character is in conflict/argument with their parents? Why do you think her parents are so pushy about her becoming a lawyer? Who do you think is the softer parent - the dad or the mum? Why? Look back earlier in the story - why did the parents fail to achieve their dream jobs?
Friday	Read: Page 30-33	Evaluating/Summarising The word _____ works well... I like the way the author uses... This sentence has high impact... It is clever how the author... because....	Can you write a 5 sentence summary of the story you have read this week - use the 5 W's to help you (who, what, where, when why)? What kind of a character is Jess (think of 5 adjectives to describe her)? What lesson do you think the parents learn? What did you like about the story? Why?