



The Island

Stage 5

Unit Focus: Science Fiction

Text Focus: Narrative



Today we are learning to...

identify new words when you read and discuss their meaning in context

summarise and order information from paragraphs

retrieve simple facts



Before reading...

Can you think of adjectives and similes to describe this image?



Task 1: Read ‘The Island’ in pairs

While you are reading, you may wish to:

- Underline and identify any new, unknown words
- Underline any important characters or events

Challenge:

Jot down what you liked and disliked about this story.

Task 1: Read ‘The Island’ as a class

Read this extract from the information text. Think carefully about your expression and the punctuation!

“I promise I won’t tell anybody,” Doran said quickly. Had the elders known about these aliens? Is that why they told children to stay away from the island?



Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval

These are the ANSWERS. What could the questions be?

- 1) Doran.
- 2) a small steamer.
- 3) Glick.
- 4) a hundred years ago.



Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval

Some possible questions!

These are the ANSWERS. What could the questions be?

- 1) Doran. What is the name of the main character in this story?
- 2) a small steamer. What is Doran travelling in?
- 3) Glick. What is the strange creature's name?
- 4) a hundred years ago. When did the creatures arrive on the planet?



Task 3: Vocabulary Check

Complete this table to show your understanding of these words

Word	Have you heard the word before?	What do you think it means?	Synonyms	Antonyms
forlornly				
mimicking				
desolate				



Task 3: Sequencing

Order these events from the story from 1-5.

	Doran sees something moving rapidly along the shore. It stops and stares at her.
	The creature raises its arm and sends a ball of light towards Doran.
1	Doran is out fishing when a storm begins to brew.
	Doran finds herself stood on the beach of the island. She learns that it is inhabited by weird aliens.
	Doran's boat begins to drift towards a towering, strange island.



Task 3: Sequencing

Order these events from the story from 1-5.

3	Doran sees something moving rapidly along the shore. It stops and stares at her.
4	The creature raises its arm and sends a ball of light towards Doran.
1	Doran is out fishing when a storm begins to brew.
5	Doran finds herself stood on the beach of the island. She learns that it is inhabited by weird aliens.
2	Doran's boat begins to drift towards a towering, strange island.



Task 4: Matching

Match the answers to the questions.

Which word meaning 'barren' describes the coastline?	the fish have disappeared
Why is Doran hunting further afield?	to the edge of the sandbar
What colour and shape are the creature's eyes?	desolate
How far is Doran allowed to travel?	oval and silver



Task 5: True or false?

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false.

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
Doran is forbidden by the elders to step foot on the island.	✓	
The creature looks like a slender, tall girl.	✓	
Glick can speak in the same language as Doran.		✓
Glick tells Doran that she will never leave the island.	✓	



Task 6: Summarise

*Here are some summaries of the first five paragraphs from this text.
Number them 1 – 5 to show the order in which they appear in the text.*

Summary of paragraph	Number
Doran is hunting further afield as the number of fish to catch is dwindling.	
A bright light transports Doran onto the island.	
No-one can tell Doran why she can't visit the island, but she knows she's not allowed.	
A storm gathers and Doran's boat drifts towards the island.	
Doran sees what looks like a tall girl running along the beach.	



Task 6: Summarise

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Number them 1 – 5 to show the order in which they appear in the text.*

Summary of paragraph	Number
Doran is hunting further afield as the number of fish to catch is dwindling.	2
A bright light transports Doran onto the island.	5
No-one can tell Doran why she can't visit the island, but she knows she's not allowed.	1
A storm gathers and Doran's boat drifts towards the island.	3
Doran sees what looks like a tall girl running along the beach.	4



Task 7: Class discussion

Do you think Glick is evil? Yes, no, maybe?

Use evidence from the text and your own opinions and ideas to justify your reasons.





You have reached the end of the lesson!

What do you think the MOST important piece of information in this story is? Why?

What do you think the LEAST important piece of information in this story is? Why?

