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The Virus

Narrative

Deductive

Warm up Questions:

- Copy the word 'virus' onto your wipe board. When you see or hear this word, what do you think of?
- How might a virus affect a healthy person? (he or she would become ill)
- How is this similar to how a virus affects a computer? (a virus makes a computer faulty)

Main Questions:

- 1. Where do you think this story is set? (a) in an office? (b) at home? (c) at school? (a) Why do you think this? (twelve storeys)
- 2. What time is it likely to be? (a) 4.30am? (b) 9am? (c) 4.30pm? (d) 9pm? (c) Why? (they may be working into the night)
- On which floor are Angela and Joe at the start of the story? (third)
- 4. When Joe went to Floor Twelve to see Spencer, did he run or walk? (run) How do you know? (he was out of breath)
- Do you think Joe has some knowledge of how to use a computer, yes or no? (yes) Why do you think this? (he has a memory stick)
- 6. What suggests that Angela is right about Spencer being a whiz on computers? (she managed to save most of Joe's work)

Task:

Help Joe and Spencer retrieve the missing data on Joe's memory stick. Use the clues on the computer screen to help you.

Essential Vocabulary:

- Find the word 'brow'. Underline it. Pretend you are wiping your brow with the sleeve of your shirt. Show your teacher. What does this suggest? (that you are hot or under tense pressure of some kind)
- Circle the word 'bulk'. When Spencer saves the 'bulk' of Joe's work, does this mean she has (a) saved all of it? (b) saved most of it? (c) saved some of it? (d) saved none of it? (b)
- Highlight the phrase 'I've come to a dead end'. Draw a picture of a car that has driven into a dead end. What do you think this phrase means? (you can't go any further)
- What adjective does the writer use to describe the two cups of coffee that Joe begins to pour? (large) Write it on your wipe board. Why do you think the writer included this word?
- What does it suggest about (a) the night ahead? (it's going to be long) (b) the amount of work they are about to do? (there will be lots of it)

Evaluative Questions:

- What clues helped you work out what each missing word on the computer screen should be?
- How might you use this same method when you come across a word in a text that you do not understand?

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The Virus

Angela walked into the room and buried her head in her hands.

'I'm sorry Joe, I know this meant a lot to you'.

Joseph took off his glasses and wiped his brow dry with the sleeve of his shirt.

'You're telling me,' he said, faking a small grin. 'Are you sure it's lost for good?'

'You could always take it to Spencer on Floor Twelve. She's a whiz at this sort of stuff. If she can't do it, I'm afraid you're done for.'

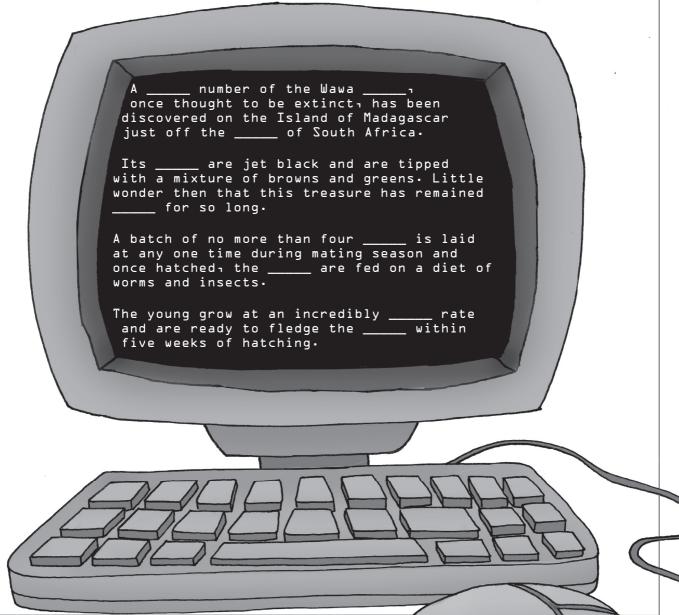
'I guess I've got nothing to lose by trying, I'll get it up there straight away'.

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Nine flights of stairs later and out of breath, Joe handed over his memory stick and prayed the data could somehow be found. After half an hour had ticked by, he knew his prayer was not going to be answered.

'I'm afraid I'm out of options. I've managed to retrieve the bulk of your work but I've come to a dead end. This virus is pretty nasty you know. You're lucky it's not infected the whole system. The only thing we can do now is work out what's missing ourselves'.

Joe began pouring two large cups of coffee. Tonight was going to be a long one and the last thing he wanted to do was fall asleep in front of his friend. Both stared at the computer screen...



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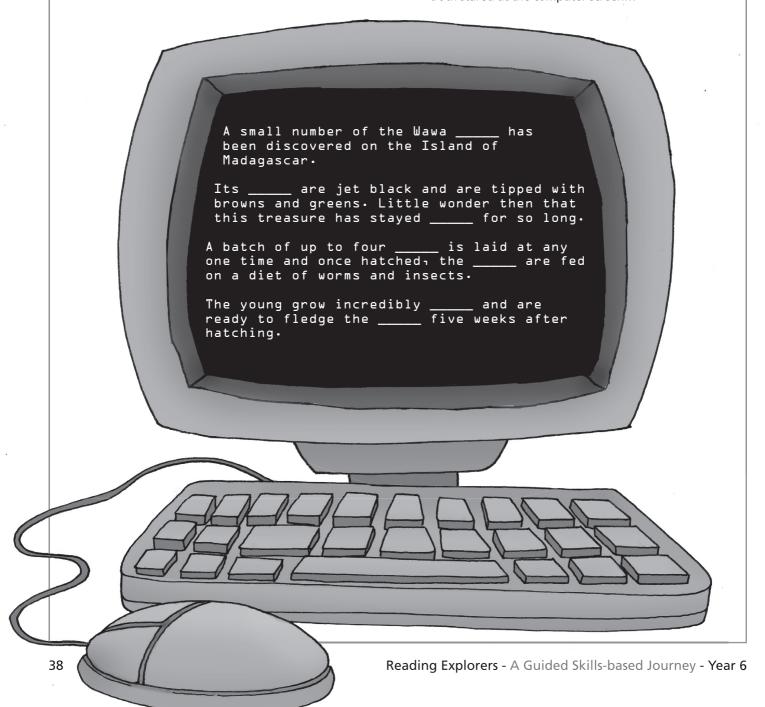
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'Great idea! I'll get it to her right away'.

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'I'm afraid I've done all that I can. I've saved the bulk of your work but now I've come to a dead end. This virus is pretty nasty you know. You're lucky it's not infected everyone's computer. The only thing we can do now is work out what's missing ourselves'.

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'I'm sorry Joe, I know this meant a lot to you'.

Joseph took off his glasses and wiped his brow dry with the sleeve of his shirt.

'You're telling me,' he said, faking a wry grin. 'Are you absolutely sure it's lost for good?'

'You could always take it to Spencer on Floor Twelve. She's a whiz at this sort of stuff. If she can't suss it out, I'm afraid you're done for.'

'I guess I've got nothing to lose by trying, I'll get on with it straight away'.

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Nine flights of stairs later and out of breath, Joe prayerfully handed over his memory stick. Please God, let this data be found. After half an hour had ticked by, he knew his prayer was not about to be answered.

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thought to be extinct, has been _ the Island of Madagascar just off of South Africa. are jet black and are tipped with of browns and greens. Little wonder then that this treasure has remained for so long. A batch of no more than four _ at any one time during mating season and _ are fed on a once hatched, the of worms and insects. The young grow at an incredibly _ and are ready to fledge the ___ five weeks of hatching.