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Level 2 English 2026

91100 Analyse significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, supported by evidence

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RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for English 91100.

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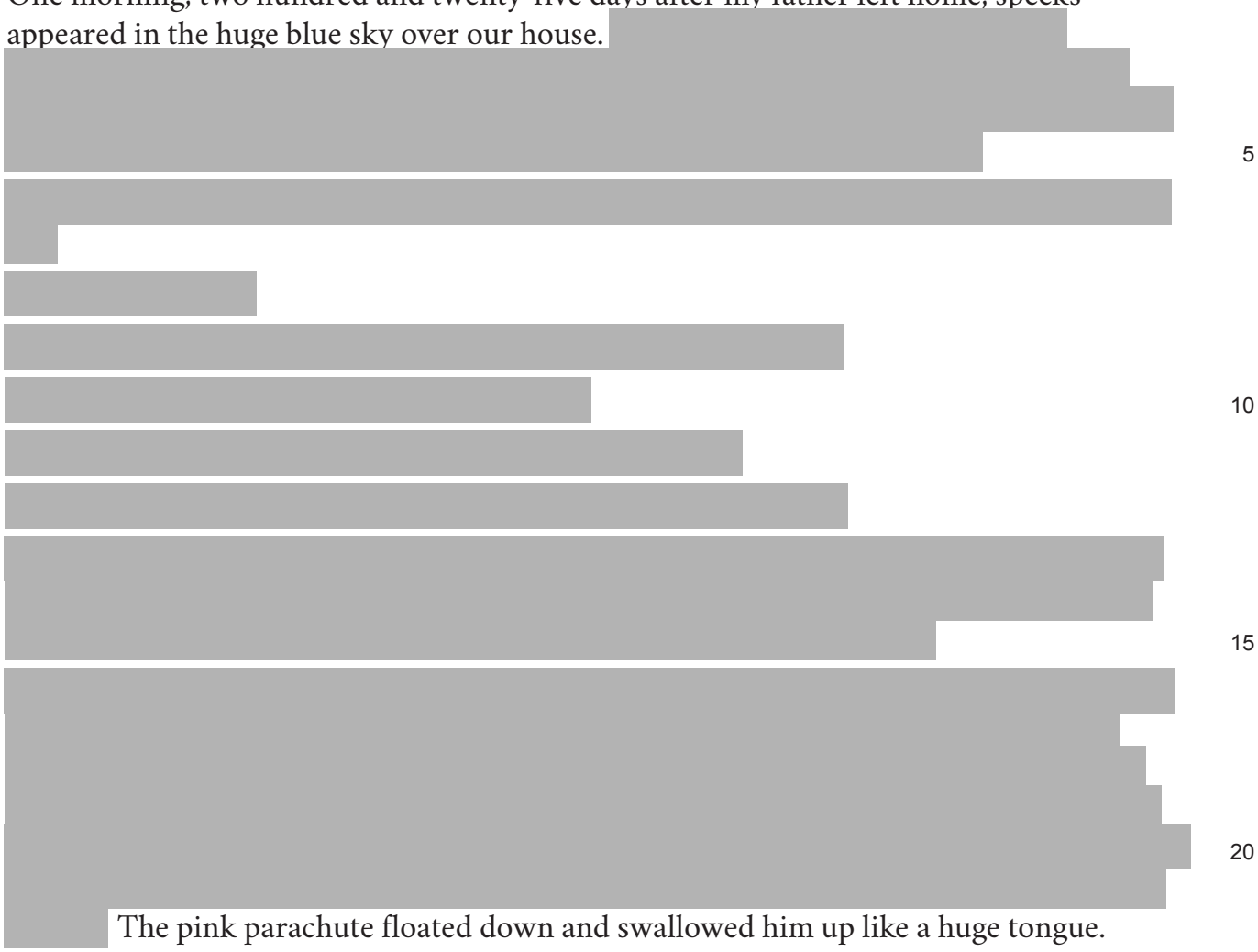
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TEXT A: Prose

In this extract from a novella, the narrator and her family are surprised by the arrival of a parachutist on a secret mission.

Specks in the sky

One morning, two hundred and twenty-five days after my father left home, specks appeared in the huge blue sky over our house.



The pink parachute floated down and swallowed him up like a huge tongue.

Glossed word	
Lawrence of Arabia	a famous soldier from the First World War who fought in the desert

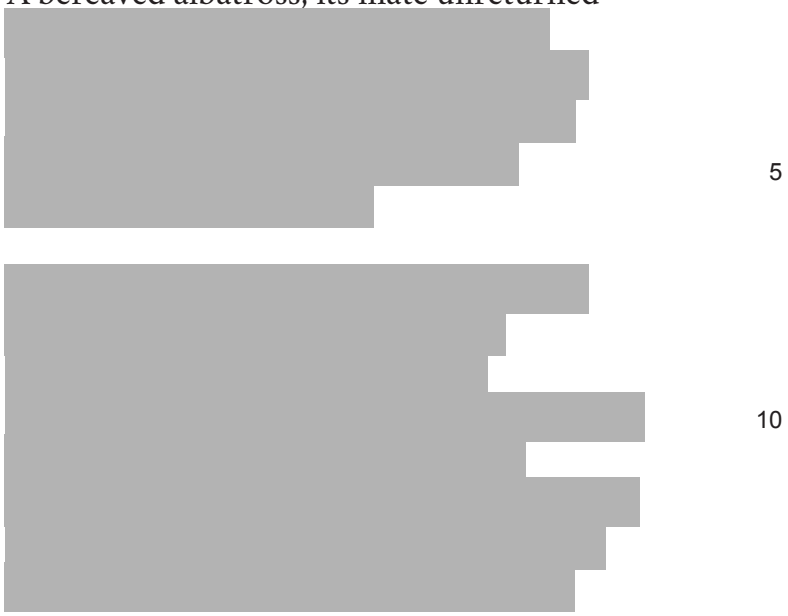
Source (adapted): Rice, Ben. (2002). *Specks in the Sky*. Vintage.

TEXT B: Poetry

In this poem, the poet explores the differences between a grieving albatross and an old woman reflecting on her age.

News from out the Heads

A bereaved albatross, its mate unreturned



just albatross know about what they've lost.



An albatross.

Glossed words	
Heads	in the title of the poem, "Heads" refers to Taiaroa Heads, an albatross colony near Dunedin
albatross	a large sea bird that nests on land and spends weeks feeding at sea

Sources: O'Sullivan, Vincent. (2013). *Us, then*. Victoria University Press. (text); https://stock.adobe.com/493791888 (image)

TEXT C: Non-fiction

In this extract from an online opinion piece, the writer tries writing on paper for a change.

Life hack: Try writing on a piece of paper

I've always hated writing.

Most of what I produce is trash, but in an electrifying departure from my previous norms, I don't care.

Glossed word	
Twitter	social media platform now known as *X*

Source (adapted): Donnell, Hayden. (2021, May 25). Life hack: Try writing on a piece of paper. *The Spinoff*. https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/25-05-2021/life-hack-try-writing-on-a-piece-of-paper