**I can find and copy from the text, make inferences and comment on the author’s use of language**

**Read Chapter Two of *Listen to the Moon* by Michael Morpurgo and answer the following questions.**

1. How does Alfie know that the sound was not being made by a seagull? (1 mark) *he knew gulls better than any other bird and he had never heard one like that before*.
2. What does it mean by saying that gulls are good *mimics*? (1 mark) *that the gull can copy and reproduce other sounds, such as that made by other birds.*
3. Initially, what makes Alfie certain that a child is making the sound? (1 mark) *gulls didn’t cough and he heard coughing.*
4. What reasons does Alfie’s dad give for there not being anybody on the island? (2 marks) *he couldn’t see a boat and there was no where else to land on St. Helen’s except right there on the beach.*
5. List two things that Jim looks for when looking for signs of life on the island. (2 marks) *footprints on the sand / telltale smoke of a fire.*
6. What does the phrase *rearing up* suggest about the rock behind the Pest House? (2 marks) *that it is large and appears to jut out just behind the Pest House.*
7. On page 30, what word is closest in meaning to *shouting*? (1 mark) *wailing*
8. What indicates that the sound they are hearing is a *cry for help*? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks) *No one should be on that island so if they are (without a boat) they are likely in trouble / there are sounds of wailing and whimpering, both indications that someone is in pain*.
9. Why do you think Alfie and Jim spoke in whispers? (1 mark) *they are scared and unsure of what awaits them.*
10. On page 31, how do Alfie and Jim differ in their feelings? (4 marks – remember: 1 mark for each point and 1 mark for evidence to support that point.) *Alfie is determined to find the source of the noise as he was already running up the beach towards the dunes / on the other hand, Jim did not want to venture any further as he had never liked the island and was considering calling his son back. It also says he reluctantly followed Alfie towards the Pest House.*