Day 1

Read the Words
Pick the correct word from the list to finish the sentences.

have their they what

Do you ______ a sister?
_______ is a gull?
Did the kids bring ______ jackets?
Did ______ bring hats?

Spell the Words
Spell the words in the sound boxes.

zip

dip

gull

yack

must

stop

lift

gulls

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Day 2

Read and Think
Read the stanza. Then answer the questions.

From sunup to sundown
From the sand to the cliffs,
Gulls zigzag and zip.
They dip and they flit.

1. What words tell you when the gulls fly? ____________________________________________
2. What words tell you where the gulls fly? ____________________________________________
3. Which words tell you how the gulls fly? ____________________________________________
4. How is the meaning of sunup different than the meaning of sundown? What do these words mean? ____________________________________________

5. Act out the stanza for someone.

Connecting Spelling to Meaning
First, read each example from the poem. Next, find the word in bold in the example. Then, write the base word in the “base noun” column. After that, write the word sum. Finally, circle the pronunciation of the ending. Tell if it sounds like an s or a z. The first one is done for you.

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Day 3

Read and Think
Read the stanza. Then answer the questions.

And as the gulls flap,
They yack their gull talk.
What a big racket!
Gulls yack a lot!

1. What does the word **yack** mean? __________________________________________
2. What does a **racket** mean in this poem? ______________________________________
3. What is another meaning for the word **racket**? _________________________________
4. Act out the stanza for someone.

Read and Think
Read the stanza. Then answer the questions.

When they have to sit,
They collect on the docks.
Hundreds of gulls
All sit in a flock.

1. What does **collect** mean? ____________________________________________________
2. What is a **flock**? ____________________________________________________________
3. Draw a picture of a flock of gulls collected on a dock.

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Day 4

Read and Think
Read the stanza. Then answer the questions.

The gulls yack and yack
As if they can’t stop!
But all of a sudden
The gulls must lift off.

1. Does “all of a sudden” signal that something is going to be different? Or does it signal that things are the same? Circle the answer: different same

2. What does lift off mean?

3. Draw a picture of gulls lifting off from the dock.

Spell the Words
Spell the words in the sound boxes.

flock
flit
flap
docks

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Day 5

Read and Think
Read the stanza. Then answer the questions.

All gull talk stops
When gulls go to their nests.
Isn’t it tranquil
When all of the them rest?

1. How do you know the gulls were tranquil in the end? ________________________________

2. How did the gulls change from the beginning of the poem to the end? __________________

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Read with Feeling
Read the poem with swoops on page 6. Think about the beat of the poem. Then read the whole poem out loud to someone.
Gull Talk

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Gulls zigzag and zip.  
They dip and they flit.  
And as the gulls flap,  
They yack their gull talk.

What a big racket!  
Gulls yack a lot!  
When they have to sit,  
They collect by the docks.  
Hundreds of gulls  
All sit in a flock.

When all of them rest?  
Isn’t it tranquil?  
When gulls go to their nests,  
All gull talk stops.

The gulls must flip off.  
But all of a sudden  
As if they can’t stop!  
The gulls yack and yack.