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***Island of the Blue Dolphins***

Vocabulary

Chapters 1 – 5

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| Aleut | native to the Aleutian Islands, a chain of islands off the coast of Alaska |  |
| kelp | large, coarse brown seaweed |  |
| ravine | a deep narrow cut in the earth |  |
| sparingly | in a thrifty, saving manner |  |
| pursue | chase |  |
| stalk (v.) | to pursue or follow |  |
| slain | killed; murdered |  |
| pelt (n.) | the skin of furry animals |  |
| bales | large bundles of material tied together |  |
| abalone | large sea snail having a bowl-like shell |  |

Chapters 6 – 10

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| ponder | to consider carefully |  |
| stout | sturdy; strong |  |
| dunes | hills of sand formed by the wind |  |
| forlorn | sad, hopeless |  |
| crevice | a crack; an opening |  |
| omen | a sign; a warning |  |

Chapters 11 – 15

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| clamor | an uproar; a loud sound of shouting and confusion |  |
| rival | a person or opponent that competes with or tries to be better than the other |  |
| venture | approach in the face of danger |  |
| carcass | the body of any dead animal |  |
| mourning | to express sorrow or grief |  |
| scarce | Limited supply; not a lot of |  |

Chapters 16 – 20

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| haunches | the upper legs, including the hips |  |
| lure (n.) | something that attracts or tempts |  |
| singed | burned slightly, especially hair or feathers |  |
| flailing | waving or swinging something about |  |
| wound (n.) | an injury |  |

Chapters 21 – 25

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| giddy | silly; light hearted or foolish |  |
| reproachfully | in a scolding manner |  |
| teetering | standing or walking unsteadily |  |
| reef | a ridge of sand or rock just about even with the surface of the water |  |
| urge | encourage; push or force |  |

Chapters 26 – 29

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Illustration** |
| glimpse | a brief look |  |
| stride (n.) | a long step; either in walking or running |  |
| snares (n.) | traps made with a noose |  |
| crest | the top of a wave |  |
| currents | flow of water |  |
| hasten | to hurry up; speed up |  |