

Today you will write an opening paragraph for a story based on the front cover image. Here is your sentence starter.

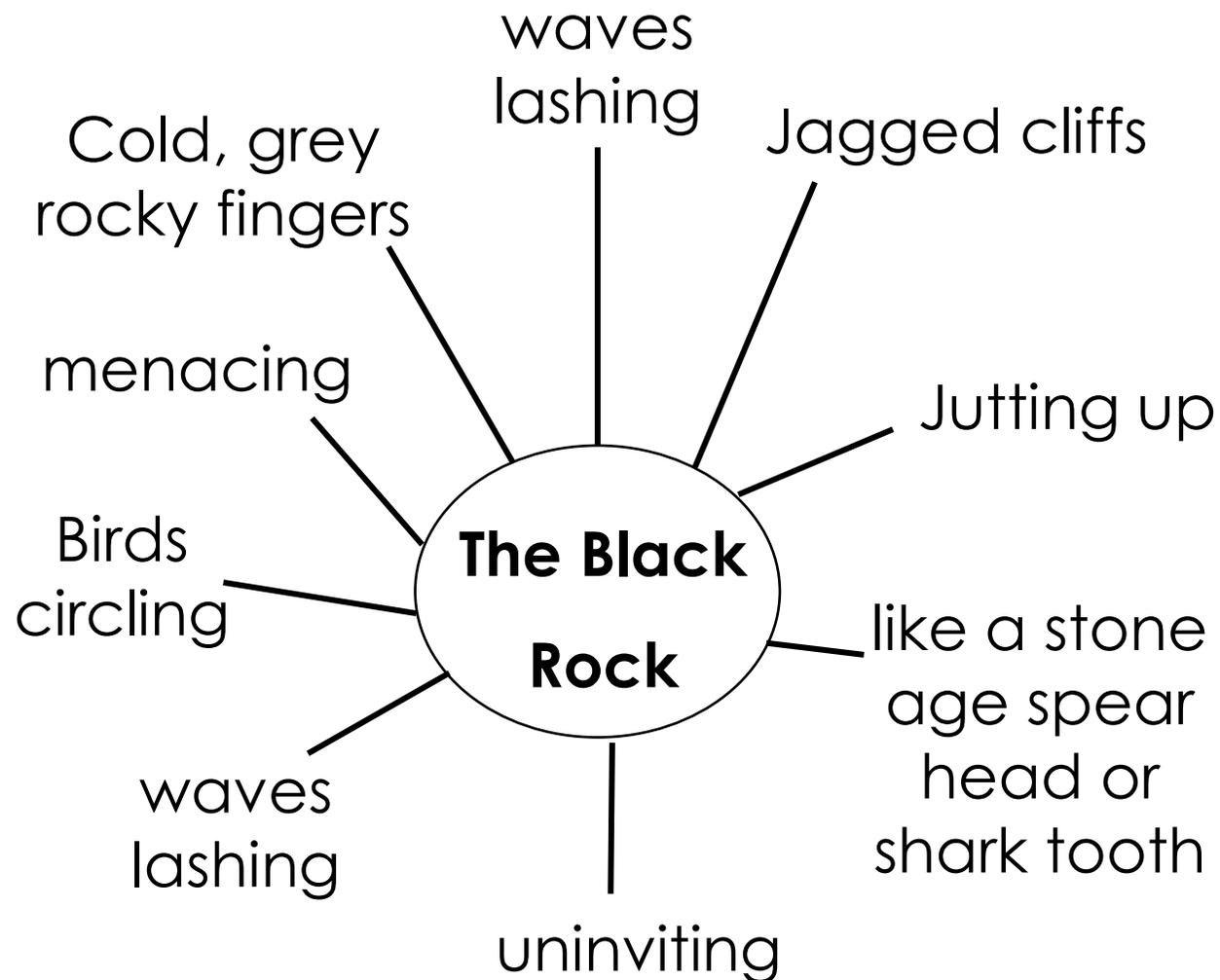
As the wind whipped up, Erin set off towards the Black Rock.

Think these 3 points through before you begin.

I hope sharing my ideas might help you !!

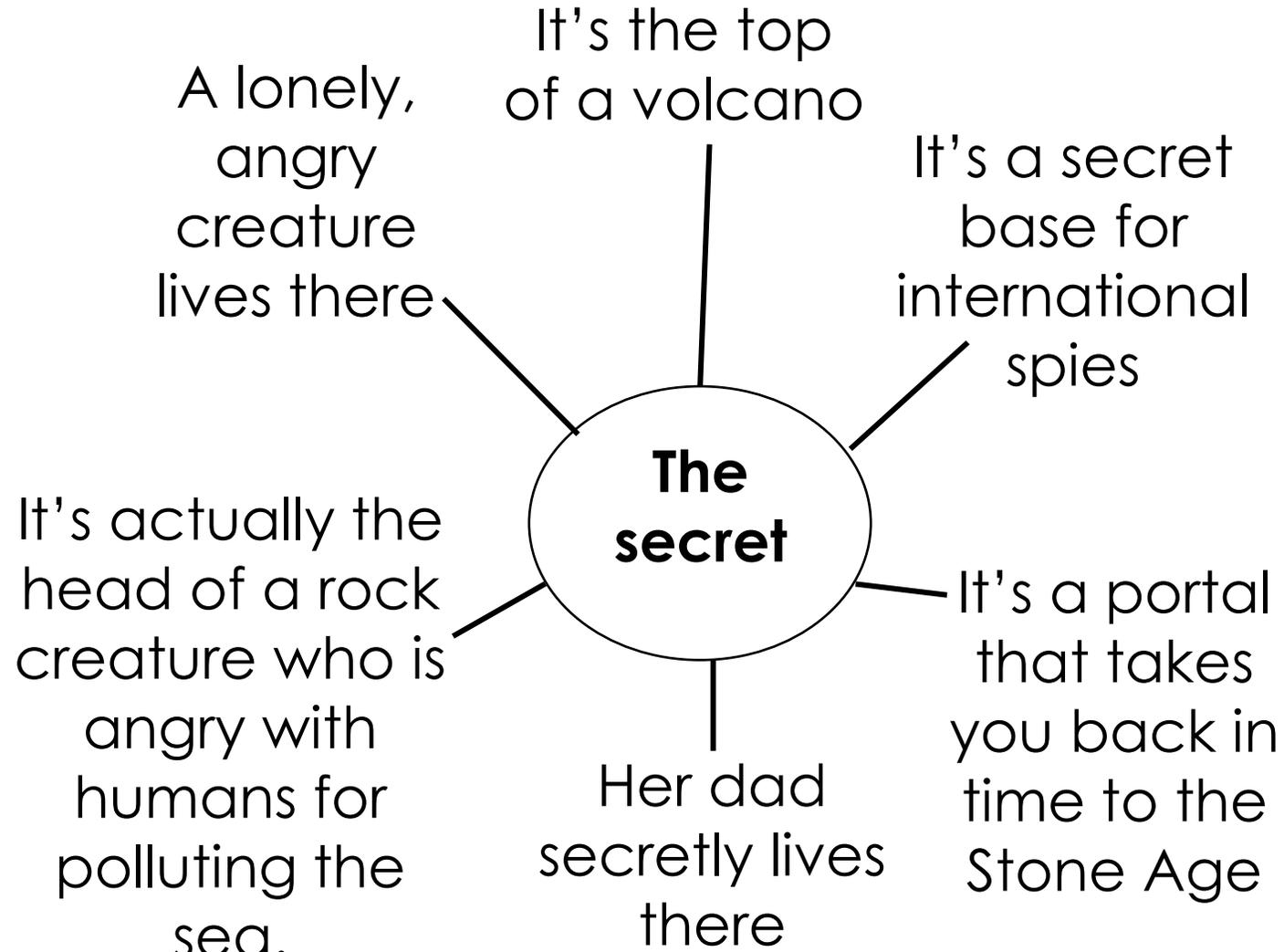
1. Describe the Black Rock

Just take the ideas you like and add any others you think of.



2. What is the secret of The Black Rock

Choose 1 idea or, of course, use your own idea!!!!

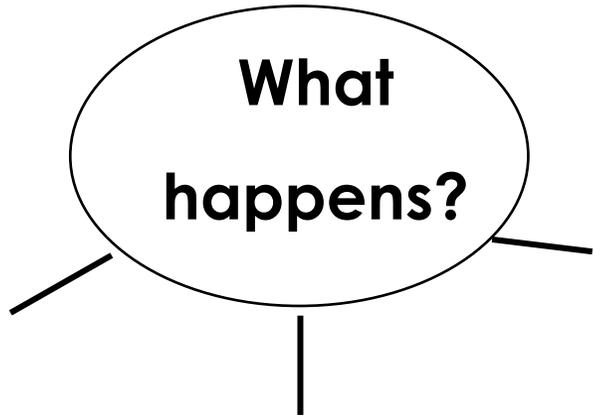


3. Optional Extension:

Continue your story.

What will happen when
she gets there?

Well that's up to you!



FINALLY!!!

A. Reread your work.

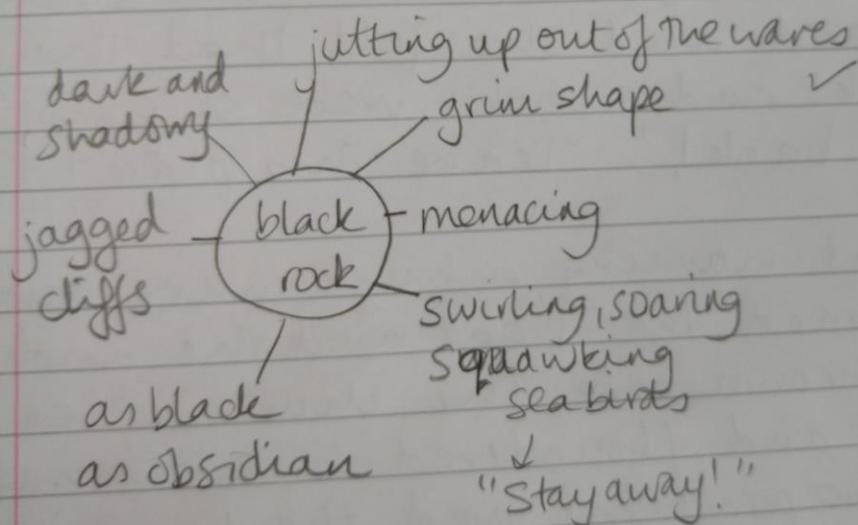
B. Edit it to fix mistakes or
improve it.

C. Share your story with
someone near or far.

**I'm looking forward to seeing
your wonderful ideas!**

1.

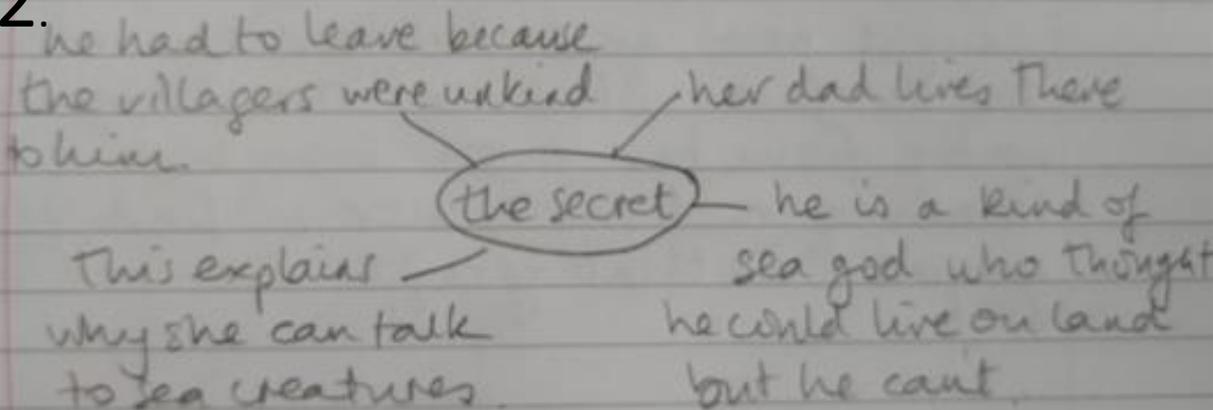
L.O. To write and edit an opening paragraph.



My opening paragraph (edited).

As the wind whipped up Erin set off towards the Black Rock. In the distance the island jutted up out of the waves. Its dark, shadowy silhouette reminded ^{her} ~~erin~~ of a jagged shark tooth she had found on the sea shore. As she got closer, she could see the waves bursting and crashing against the cliffs, black as obsidian and sharp as flint. If she got too close, her little wooden boat would be smashed to pieces!

2.



3. My Extension

EXT: After what seemed to be hours, Erin finally came within metres of the shoreline. Birds circled and soared overhead and she felt that their squawks and shrieks were saying, "stop!" "Turn back!" "Leave this place!"

Without warning, a huge wave suddenly overturned the boat and she and Greta were thrown into the churning sea!! Erin gasped and floundered but the waves were too powerful and she began to sink down.. down.. down.. until a hand caught her and dragged her back to the surface. Blinking the stinging sea water from her eyes Erin saw a man standing in front of her. "Dad!!!!" she gasped "Is that you??"