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MARK SCHEME – Topaz Band 13 – Cave Wars

Page 2: When do Tom and Ruby normally play in their secret caves? (KNOWL)
In the winter.

Page 2: Why is this?
In the summer, the beach is full of visitors.

Page 2: Why were Tom and Ruby going to the big cave?
To make a camp.

Page 5: Why is Ruby so angry? (KNOWL)
She claims that the gang have stolen their cave.

Page 8: How did the Gang overcome Tom and Ruby's sign? (KNOWL)
The gang climbed down on ropes.

Page 14: How are Tom and Ruby related? How do you know? (KNOWL)
They are brother and sister. The evidence is that the book says 'their mother said.'

Page 15: Who is more bothered about getting the cave back? How do you know? (INF)
Ruby because she wakes Tom up.

Page 17: What clue does the author give that shows Tom isn't as confident as Ruby in going out in the dark? (LANG)
The author uses the reporting clause 'nervously' to describe how Tom is speaking.

Page 20: What is Tom most worried about at this point in the story? (INF)
That Ruby will fall further.

Page 24: Why won't the Gang's plan work? (ACC)
The gang want Ruby to tie the rope around her own waist, but she cannot do it with one hand as if she lets go with the other, then she will fall.

Page 27: Tom was scared of going down on the rope. How did his body tell us that he was scared? (LANG)
He shuddered.

Whole Story: Had Ruby not fell, do you think her painted message would have worked? Explain your answer.

Accept any suitable explanation, most likely explaining why it would not have worked, supported by reasons from the story.

No, I do not think that it would have worked as the gang were not easily scared off by the other things Ruby tried.

Whole Story: How could Ruby have behaved differently at the start of the story to avoid their confrontation with the Gang?

Accept any reasonable response that recognises that Ruby's behaviour at the start of the story was less than perfect.

- Had Ruby been nicer at the beginning of the story and not shouted at the gang, then they may have been more likely to share the cave with them.*

Whole Text: Number the events that they appear in the story. (KNOWL)

3	The gang used ropes to climb down into the cave.
7	Tom wakes the gang, and begs them to help.
10	Ruby, Tom and the gang become friends.
1	Tom and Ruby headed off to make a camp in the big cave.
6	Ruby slips on the path and tumbles down the cliff.
2	They painted a sign, warning of falling rocks.
8	The gang lower Tom down the cliff so that he could help to tie a rope around Ruby.

4	Tom and Ruby fill the big cave with sea weed.
9	The gang pull Ruby and then Tom up to safety.
5	They sneak out at night in order to paint a warning message on the cave wall.