Whales

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Nonfiction | 61 words | Key details and new words

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. Whales live in the sea, but they are not fish. Whales **breathe** air, just like you.

2. A whale swims up to the top of the water to **breathe.** Air goes in and out of a **blowhole** on top of its head.

3. The blue whale is the **biggest** animal that has ever lived. It is about as long as two school buses!

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Whales: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. Where do whales live?

(a) on land (b) in the sea (c) in a pond

2. How does a whale breathe?

(a) through a blowhole (b) through gills (c) through its tail

3. What is the biggest animal ever?

(a) the shark (b) the blue whale (c) the elephant

2 Yes or no? Circle one.

Whales breathe air.	Yes	No
Whales are fish.	Yes	No
The blue whale is very small.	Yes	No

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Whales: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

breathe ○	○ take air in and out
blowhole ○	○ a hole for breathing
biggest ○	○ larger than all the rest

2 Write your answer.

How does a whale get air?

3 Draw and label something you learned.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: Whales

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) in the sea
2. a) through a blowhole
3. b) the blue whale

2 Yes or no

Yes: Whales breathe air.

No: Whales are fish.

No: The blue whale is very small.

3 Word meanings

breathe: take air in and out

blowhole: a hole for breathing

biggest: larger than all the rest

4 Written answer (sample)

A whale swims up and breathes through its blowhole.

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