



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### GIANTS OF THE SEA: BELUGA WHALES

1. Write a paragraph describing the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Would you want to live in the Arctic? Why or why not?
3. What helps keep a beluga whale warm?
  - A. its melon
  - B. its blubber
  - C. its pod
4. Why do beluga whales need to find holes in the ice?
  - A. They look for food beneath the holes.
  - B. The water is warmer near the holes.
  - C. They need to be able to come to the surface and breathe.



5. What does **carry** mean in the *Beluga Whales* book?

*The whales chirp, squeak, and whistle. These sounds **carry** through the water.*

- A. to travel
- B. to hold
- C. to support

6. What does **grip** mean in the *Beluga Whales* book?

*The whale does not use its teeth to chew. Instead, it uses them to **grip** prey.*

- A. to hold tightly
- B. to chew loudly
- C. to run away



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: BELUGA WHALES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: BLUE WHALES

1. Write a sentence that describes the key ideas from Chapter 4.
2. Would you ever want to swim with a blue whale? Why or why not?
3. How long can blue whales become?
  - A. less than 10 feet (3 m)
  - B. about 40 feet (12 m)
  - C. more than 100 feet (30 m)
4. How did blue whales become endangered?
  - A. Sharks attacked too many blue whales.
  - B. People fed blue whales too much food.
  - C. People hunted too many blue whales.



5. What does **research** mean in the *Blue Whales* book?

*Some scientists **research** whale calls. They are learning what different calls mean.*

- A. to get lost
- B. to study
- C. to stay away from

6. What does **moans** mean in the *Blue Whales* book?

*They use **moans**, groans, and other calls. These calls can travel many miles.*

- A. big, round eyes
- B. loud, low sounds
- C. short, thick fur



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: BLUE WHALES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: GIANT SQUID

1. Write a sentence describing what a giant squid's body looks like.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you think giant squid are dangerous? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How do giant squid move through the ocean?
  - A. They use their arms and tentacles to swim.
  - B. They spin their suction cups.
  - C. They push water out of their mantles.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why is it difficult to find giant squid?
  - A. They are only found in tropical waters.
  - B. Much of where they live is still unexplored.
  - C. They blend in with the water.



5. What does **glimpse** mean in the *Giant Squid* book?

*The scientists only catch a **glimpse** of the squid. Then it escapes.*

- A. a quick look
- B. a long walk
- C. a lot of time

6. What does **massive** mean in the *Giant Squid* book?

*Then a long tentacle comes into view. The **massive** body of the giant squid follows.*

- A. hard to see
- B. very small
- C. very large





## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: GIANT SQUID**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: GREAT WHITE SHARKS

1. Write a sentence describing adaptations that help a great white shark hunt.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Would you want to see a great white shark up close in a diving cage? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What animals eat great white sharks?
  - A. sea lions
  - B. orcas
  - C. seals
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What do great white sharks use the scent of blood to do?
  - A. to hide from other fish
  - B. to reach the ocean floor
  - C. to find prey



5. What does **interest** mean in the *Great White Sharks* book?

*Then the shark loses **interest**. It swims away.*

- A. water
- B. money
- C. attention

6. What does **surface** mean in the *Great White Sharks* book?

*The sharks watch for animals near the water's **surface**. They swim up and bite their prey from below.*

- A. the top of the water
- B. the very deep sea
- C. a lot of dry land



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: GREAT WHITE SHARKS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: MANATEES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you ever want to travel to see manatees? Why or why not?
3. What do manatees eat?
  - A. water plants
  - B. fish
  - C. alligators
4. Why do shallow waters get more sunlight than deeper waters?
  - A. Sunlight fades as it travels deeper into water.
  - B. Sunlight starts shining from the seafloor.
  - C. Sunlight gets stronger as it travels deeper into water.



5. What does **occasionally** mean in the *Manatees* book?

*Alligators **occasionally** eat manatee babies. But they mostly leave manatees alone.*

- A. not very often
- B. most of the time
- C. all the time

6. What does **threat** mean in the *Manatees* book?

*Humans are manatees' biggest **threat**. For example, people build along the coast. These buildings can destroy manatees' habitats.*

- A. something that swims
- B. something that helps
- C. something that causes harm



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: MANATEES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: MANTA RAYS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Would you want to swim with a manta ray in the wild? Why or why not?
3. What is the biggest threat to manta rays?
  - A. sharks
  - B. orcas
  - C. humans
4. Why does having few babies mean that manta ray populations are especially hurt by hunting?
  - A. Manta numbers grow back slowly.
  - B. Mantas have short lifespans.
  - C. Manta numbers grow back quickly.





5. What does **swirls** mean in the *Manta Rays* book?

*Sometimes mantas swim quickly together in a circle. The water between them **swirls**.*

- A. spins
- B. warms
- C. darkens

6. What does **plunge** mean in the *Manta Rays* book?

*Divers **plunge** into the clear ocean water. A manta ray swims above them.*

- A. to keep away from
- B. to stay up above
- C. to go down deep



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: MANTA RAYS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. C

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: MARLIN

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Would you ever want to go fishing for marlin? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Where do white marlin live?
  - A. the Pacific Ocean
  - B. the Indian Ocean
  - C. the Atlantic Ocean
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why are hurt or stunned prey easier for marlin to catch?
  - A. They cannot quickly swim away.
  - B. They can attack marlin.
  - C. They can no longer be seen by marlin.

5. What does **release** mean in the *Marlin* book?

*Most fishers **release** the marlin they catch. They return the fish to the sea.*

- A. to cook
- B. to let go of
- C. to find

6. What does **challenge** mean in the *Marlin* book?

*For many people, catching marlin is an exciting **challenge**. The fish are large and strong. They also fight against being caught.*

- A. an easy task
- B. a boring task
- C. a hard task



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: MARLIN**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## GIANTS OF THE SEA: ORCAS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Orcas have many ways of hunting prey. Which was your favorite to learn about? Why?
3. What do orcas use to find food?
  - A. sounds
  - B. smells
  - C. sunlight
4. How would blending in with the water help orcas catch prey?
  - A. They could not swim as fast as their prey.
  - B. They could swim far from prey without making noise.
  - C. They could swim closer to prey without being seen.



5. What does **fierce** mean in the *Orcas* book?

*Orcas are **fierce** predators. They can swim fast. And they hunt a wide variety of animals.*

- A. slow and old
- B. small and weak
- C. big and strong

6. What does **swiftly** mean in the *Orcas* book?

*The orcas rush toward the iceberg. They move **swiftly**.*

- A. slowly
- B. quickly
- C. fearfully



## **ANSWER KEY FOR GIANTS OF THE SEA: ORCAS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. C
6. B