

Level 4. Silva the Seal

# Alpha Readers

## Silva the Seal



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**A** Write the correct word that goes with the description.

zoo      fishing net      seal      scar      vet      sick

1. not well; ill ①  

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  2. a kind of cloth that is made of fine threads ②  

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  3. a gray animal with short fur that lives in and near the sea ③  

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  4. a doctor for animals ④  

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  5. A mark on the skin that is caused by a cut ⑤  

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  6. A park where many kinds of wild animals are kept ⑥ ⑦ ⑧  

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- Hidden Word : 

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 at the 

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②
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④
⑤
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⑦
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**B** Read and write the antonym for the given word.

**better**  
  
**sick**  
  
**young**  
  
**wild**  
  
**stay**

1. When she was \_\_\_\_\_ she swam into some fishing net.  
old
2. The net cut into her neck and made her \_\_\_\_\_.  
well
3. Silva the seal was a \_\_\_\_\_ animal.  
tame
4. Silva had to \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo.  
leave
5. Vets and keepers tried to help Silva to get \_\_\_\_\_.  
worse

**C** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. The net got stuck around her neck and she couldn't **get** it \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Silva got so sick that she couldn't **look** \_\_\_\_\_ herself.
3. They had to train Silva **so** \_\_\_\_\_ they could help her.
4. She could not **go** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** the ocean.
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ **a long time** for Silva to get better.
6. Silva was a wild animal and she **was frightened** \_\_\_\_\_ the keepers.

that  
off  
took  
of  
back  
after

**D** Complete the sentences using *so...that* with the correct parts in the box.

Use *so...that* when you want to make the meaning of an adjective stronger.  
Ex.) Silva got *so* sick *that* she couldn't look after herself.

1. The sofa was \_\_\_\_\_ heavy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ surprised \_\_\_\_\_.
3. She was \_\_\_\_\_ tired \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It was \_\_\_\_\_ hot \_\_\_\_\_.

she fell asleep in the chair  
I couldn't buy it  
I didn't know what to say

I couldn't lift it  
I didn't want to go out

**A Answer the following questions.**

1. Why did Silva get sick?
  - a) because there was no food in the ocean
  - b) because the ocean was polluted
  - c) because the fishing net cut into her neck
  
2. Who tried to help Silva to get better at the zoo?
  - a) only the keepers
  - b) people who visit the zoo
  - c) the vets and the keepers
  
3. Why did Silva have to stay at the zoo?
  - a) She couldn't look after herself because it took a long time to get better.
  - b) She couldn't go back to the ocean because she didn't like it.
  - c) She had to stay at the zoo because the keepers wanted to keep her.
  
4. What can people see on Silva's body? *(p16)*

People can see the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.**

1. Silva always lived at the zoo. T / F
  
2. Some people found Silva and called the zoo. T / F
  
3. Silva couldn't look after herself anymore after she got better. T / F
  
4. Silva was not frightened of the vets and the keepers. T / F
  
5. Silva doesn't have the scar from the net any longer. T / F

**C** Complete the chart using the words in the box below.

**Cause and Effect**

A **cause** makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens.

Cause		Effect
The fishing net cut into Silva's _____.	➔	It made her _____.
People who found Silva _____ the zoo.	➔	_____ from the zoo took her to the zoo.
Silva was a _____ seal.	➔	She was _____ of the keepers.
It took _____ for Silva to get better.	➔	She had to stay _____.
wild, a long time, neck, called		keepers, very sick at the zoo, frightened,

**D** Imagine you visited the zoo and visit Silva. Write your own answers.

**Visiting Silva the Seal**

Who would you like to visit Silva with?  
I would like to \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see Silva?  
Yes/No, I \_\_\_\_\_

How would you feel if you see the scar from the net on Silva's body?  
I would be \_\_\_\_\_