

e-future Classic Readers

LEVEL 4-4

How the Whale Got His Throat



Rudyard Kipling

A Write the correct words and match them to their definitions.

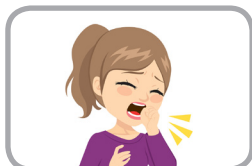
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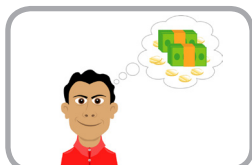
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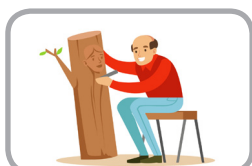
1. _____ •

a. to make something out of wood, ice, rock, etc. by cutting



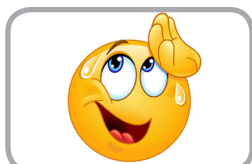
2. _____ •

b. to push air out of your throat with a short, loud noise



3. _____ •

c. feeling more relaxed because something bad stopped or didn't happen



4. _____ •

d. how fast someone or something moves



5. _____ •

e. selfishly wanting to have more of something

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

gate

mud

amazed

leap

1. The man's friends and family were _____ to see the huge whale."
 surprised

2. He used his suspenders and raft to make a(n) _____ in the whale's throat.
 door

3. He _____ off his raft and began dancing, jumping, and moving about.
 jumped

4. She swam to the bottom of the sea and hid in the _____.
 dirt

C Write the correct adverb to complete the sentence.

only there softly no longer at all still

1. She hid behind the whale's ear. The whale couldn't see her hiding _____ .
2. Finally, there was _____ one little fish left in the sea.
3. The fish spoke _____ into the whale's ear.
4. The man did not want to be inside the whale _____ .
5. Today, whales _____ eat only the smallest plants and animals in the sea.
6. The whale was happy that the man was _____ dancing inside his stomach.

D Answer the questions using the pattern below.






Past Continuous

Use **was/were + verb-ing** to talk about something happening at a certain time in the past.

At that moment, a small wooden raft **was floating** on the ocean.
The man **was carving** a small piece of wood.

1. Q: What were you doing one hour ago?
A: One hour ago, I was _____ .
2. Q: What were you doing at 7:00 this morning?
A: At 7:00 this morning, _____ .
3. Q: What were you doing last night at 8:00?
A: _____ .

A Circle T for true or F for false.

1.  The little fish was not afraid of the whale. T / F
2.  The whale had never eaten a person before. T / F
3.  The man hurt the whale when he danced and jumped around. T / F
4.  The man told the whale to let him out right away. T / F
5.  Whales cannot eat big fish or people anymore. T / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. The little fish was _____ .
smart / silly
2. The man's _____ had sunk.
ship / raft
3. The man wanted to be _____ .
in the whale / at home
4. The whale felt _____ about all the fish he had eaten.
good / bad

C Fill in the chart with the correct people and/or things.

Who or What?

1. **He** was hungry and ate up all the fish but one.
2. **She** told the whale where to find a person to eat.
3. **It** was made of wood and was floating on the ocean.
4. **He** made a gate inside the whale's throat.
5. **They** were amazed when the whale swam to the beach.
6. **They** can only eat small things now.

C Number the pictures in the correct order. Then match the sentences to the pictures.



- ☐
- One little fish was left. She told the whale to eat a person floating on a raft.
- ☐
- But there was something in the whale's throat. It was a gate that the man had made.
- ☐
- The man started jumping and moving around inside the whale's stomach.
- ☐
- The little fish knew the whale could still eat her, so she swam to the bottom to hide.
- ☐
- There was a hungry whale that ate up all the fish in the ocean.
- ☐
- The man was hurting the whale, so the whale took him home and let him go.