

**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.**

carve

speed

cough

relieved

greedy



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



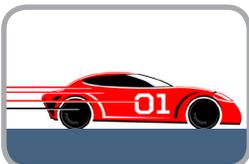
3. \_\_\_\_\_ •

• **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.

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**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.