

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.

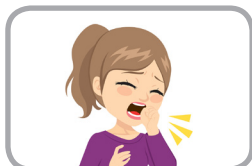
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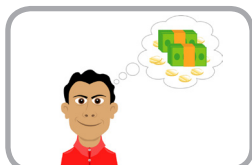
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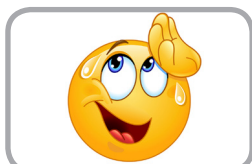
1. cough



2. greedy



3. carve



4. relieved



5. speed

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

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

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

d. how fast someone or something moves

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 amazed to see the huge whale."
 surprised

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

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

4. She swam to the bottom of the sea and hid in the mud.
 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 there.
2. Finally, there was only one little fish left in the sea.
3. The fish spoke softly into the whale's ear.
4. The man did not want to be inside the whale at all.
5. Today, whales still eat only the smallest plants and animals in the sea.
6. The whale was happy that the man was no longer 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.

[Sample answers]

1. Q: What were you doing one hour ago?
A: One hour ago, I was taking a test.
2. Q: What were you doing at 7:00 this morning?
A: At 7:00 this morning, I was eating breakfast.
3. Q: What were you doing last night at 8:00?
A: At 8:00 last night, I was doing my homework.

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

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

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.

Who or What?

the whale

the little fish

the (man's) raft

the man

the man's
friends and family

whales

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



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