

Informational
Text

People Helping Whales

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READ

Working With Animals

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer
Questions

Skill: Key Details

Vocabulary

allowed, care, excited,
needs, roam, safe,
wandered, wild

Phonics

Short *a*, long *a*: *a_e*

Content Standards

Science: Life Science

Vocabulary Strategy

Root Words

Word count: 280**

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**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.

**Essential Question****How do we care for animals?**

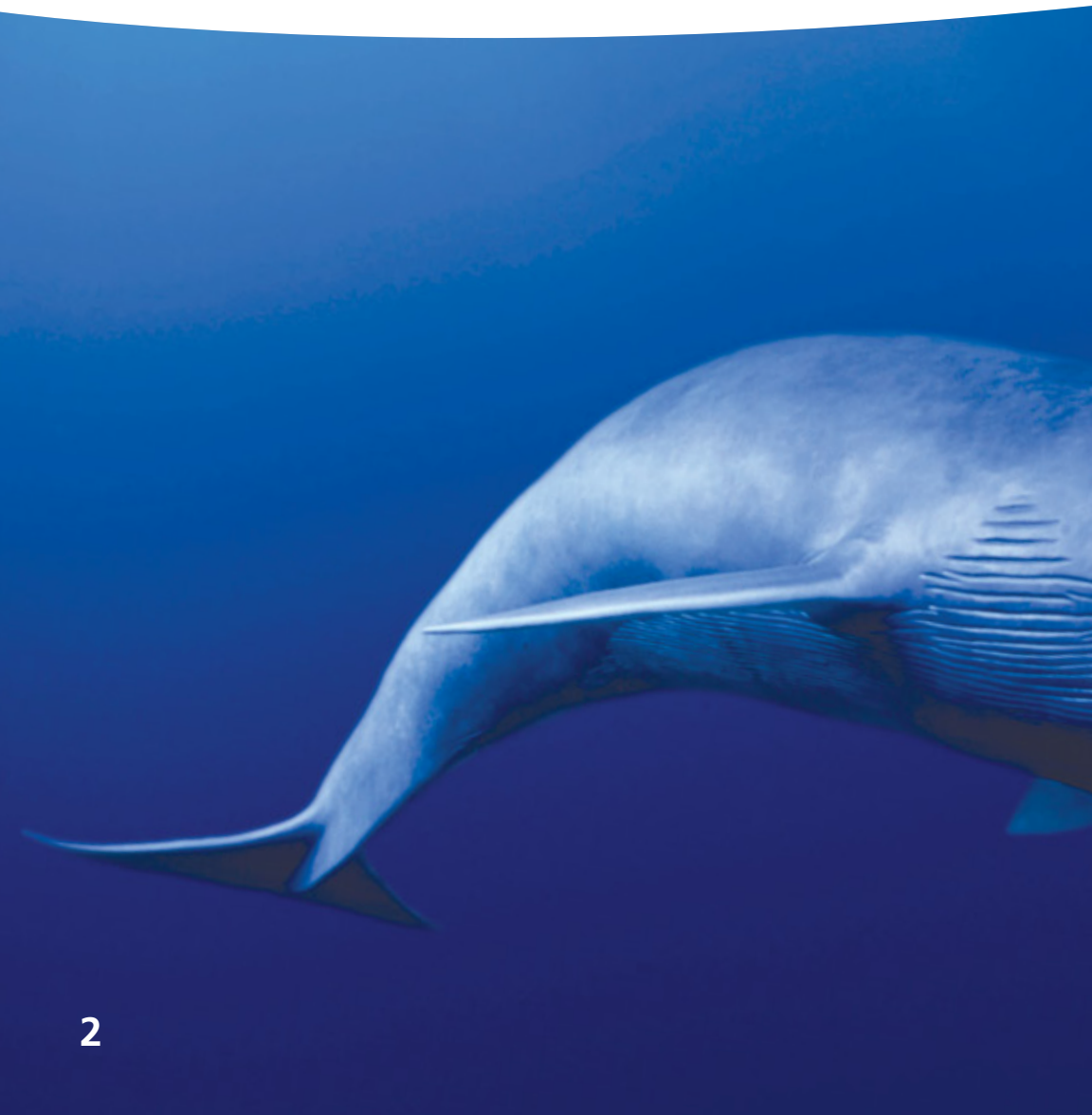
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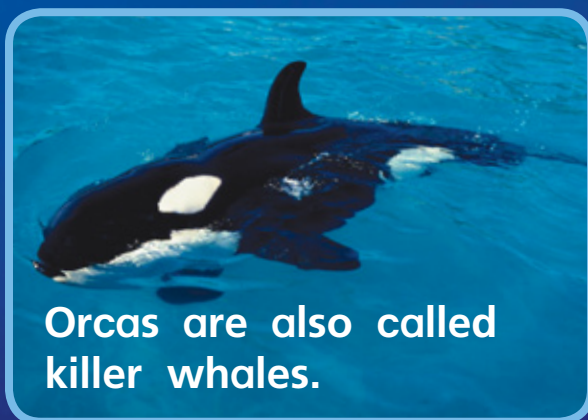
Whales come in different sizes. The blue whale is the biggest.

Blue whales can weigh more than 200 tons.



Orca whales swim very fast. They hunt fish, seals, and birds.

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Orcas are also called killer whales.



Whales have fat under their skin. It is called blubber. It keeps the whale warm.





This whale is breathing out.

Whales breathe air.
They breathe through a
blowhole. It is on the top
of the whale's head.

Whales live in groups.
They are called pods.



Whales roam the oceans.
In the summer, they live in
cold oceans. Then winter
comes. They swim to
warmer oceans.

This is a pod of orca whales.





Whales cannot live on the beach for long.

Sometimes whales may have wandered too close to the shore. They become stranded. They get stuck on the beach.

The whales need help.
People work together. They
try to save the whale.



A stranded whale must be kept cool and wet. People pour cold water on it. They must be careful. The water cannot go into the whale's blowhole.

Water helps keep whales cool in the sun.





The whale must be kept safe. People dig away the sand around it. Then the air blows around it. That keeps it cool.



How can people move a whale? It takes many people. They use a raft. That is a special kind of boat.

They also use a crane.
It lifts the whale onto the
raft. A boat tows the raft
to deep water.



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The whale swims back out
to sea.



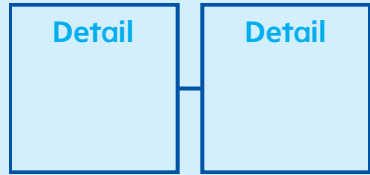
The people are excited.
They watch it go.



Respond to Reading

Summarize

Use the chart to help you summarize *People Helping Whales*.



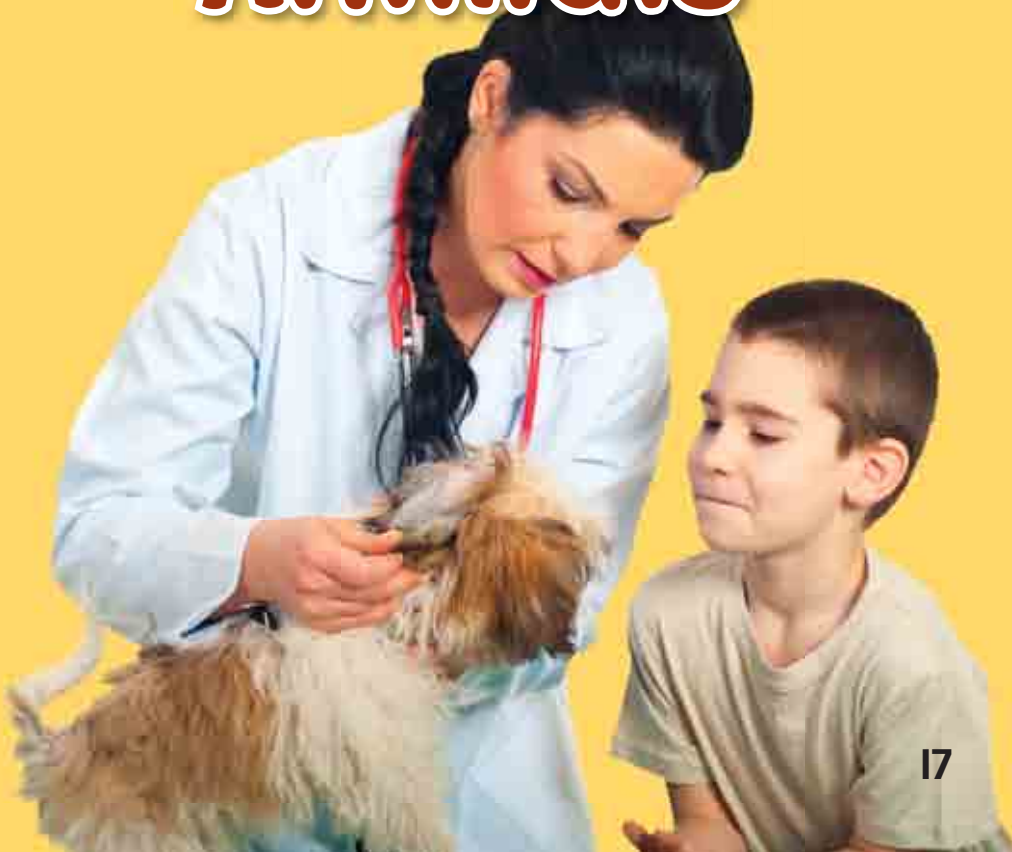
Text Evidence

1. Is *People Helping Whales* fiction or nonfiction? **Genre**
2. Look at the pictures on pages 10 and 11. How can people help whales? **Key Details**
3. What is the root word in *warmer* on page 7? **Root Words**
4. Write about how people help stranded whales. **Write About Reading**

Compare Texts

Read about how people work to care for animals.

Working with Animals



Would you like to work with animals? You might want one of these jobs.

Vets are animal doctors. They help animals. They make sick animals better.

Zoo workers care for animals. They are allowed to feed the animals. They clean their cages.





Some people help wild animals. They understand animals' needs. They look after the places where the animals live.



Make Connections

How do people help wild animals?

Essential Question

What things can people do to help both small and large animals?

Text to Text

Focus on Science

Purpose To compare the needs of animals

What to Do

Step 1 With a partner, choose two animals from this book.

Step 2 Draw a chart. Write the name of each animal in the first two boxes.

___ needs	___ needs	Both animals need

Step 3 Write about what each animal needs from people.

Conclusion Talk about what you learned about animals' needs.

Thinkmark

The Topic

What is *People Helping Whales* about?

Vocabulary

What words in this book tell about the topic?

Author's Purpose

Why do you think the author wrote *People Helping Whales*?

Make Connections

What else do you know about whales or helping animals?