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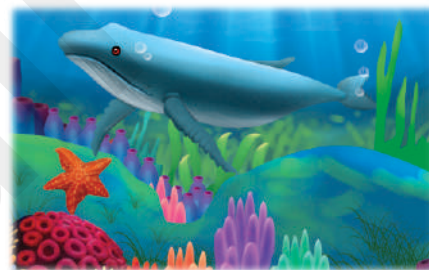
Comprehension

Learning Outcomes

- Students will develop skills to read and understand unseen passages.
- They will identify key ideas, infer meanings, and answer questions accurately.
- They will summarize passages in their own words.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Blue whales are by far the biggest animals in the world. Even the biggest dinosaur that ever lived doesn't come close in size to the blue whale. The blue whale is a type of mammal called cetacean and is a type of baleen whale. The scientific name of the blue whale is the *Balaenoptera musculus*. Blue whales live in every one of the oceans of the world. They feed in high latitudes and migrate to the tropics to breed and give birth. To eat, blue whales filter their food through stiff, bony, comb-like teeth called baleen plates. Their main diet is krill and copepods. A blue whale can eat up to 8,000 lbs, of krill a day during its peak consumption period. It is estimated to take 2,200 lbs of food to fill a blue whale's stomach. Blue whales are simply enormous. A blue whale's heart is the size of a small car and pumps 10 tons of blood through the massive blue whale body. A blue whale aorta alone is large enough for a human to crawl through. In the Antarctic, blue whales have reportedly reached lengths of 110 feet, but most probably grow to between 80 and 90 feet long. They can weigh over 200 tones or 400,000 pounds. Female blue whales are generally larger than males, and northern hemisphere blue whales are generally smaller than those in the southern hemisphere. Blue whales are light bluish gray on their dorsal side and mottled gray whitish on their bellies. Some have yellowish bellies.



A baby blue whale is called calf. When the baby is born it's as large as an elephant and grows very quickly. It will gain around 200 pounds a day and be about 50 feet long at the age of 6 months. A baby blue whale will live off its mother's milk for the first 6 months, at which point it will have grown its baleen plates so it can eat krill. The blue whale is also the loudest animal on the planet. Scientists do not know why blue whales sing, but they do know that they sing loudly. A typical blue whale call will last for 10 to 30 seconds and is a very low frequency sound between 10 and 40 Hz. This means that we may not be able to even hear this 'loud' whale call, as most humans can only hear down to around 20Hz.

Skills/Level
READING/B2

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Which of the animals are the biggest animals in the world?

(a) Polar bears

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(b) Leopards

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(c) Blue whales

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2. The Blue whale is a type of mammal called a :
(a) Marsupial ☐ (b) Monotreme ☐ (c) Cetacean ☐
3. The scientific name for the blue whale is the :
(a) Balaenoptera musculus ☐ (b) Homo sapiens ☐ (c) none ☐
4. A blue whale's heart is the size of a :
(a) small boat ☐ (b) small car ☐ (c) small bus ☐
5. A baby blue whale is called a :
(a) pup ☐ (b) kid ☐ (c) calf ☐

2. Read the following poem and answer the question that follow.

Up into the cherry tree
Who should climb but little me?
I held the trunk with both my hands
And looked abroad in foreign lands.
I saw the next door garden lie,
Adorned with flowers, before my eye,
And many pleasant places more
That I have never seen before
I saw a dimpling river pass
And be the sky's blue looking-glass;
The dusty roads go up and down
With people tramping in to town.
If I could find a higher tree
Farther and farther I should see,
To where the grown-up river slips
Into a sea among the ships,
To where the roads on either hand
Lead onward into fairy land,
Where all the children dine at five,
And where all the playthings come alive.



B. Answer these questions.

1. In the poem, what does the poet mean by saying 'foreign'?

2. Make a list of all that the child poet sees on climbing up the cherry tree.

3. What kind of river would you call 'grown-up'?

