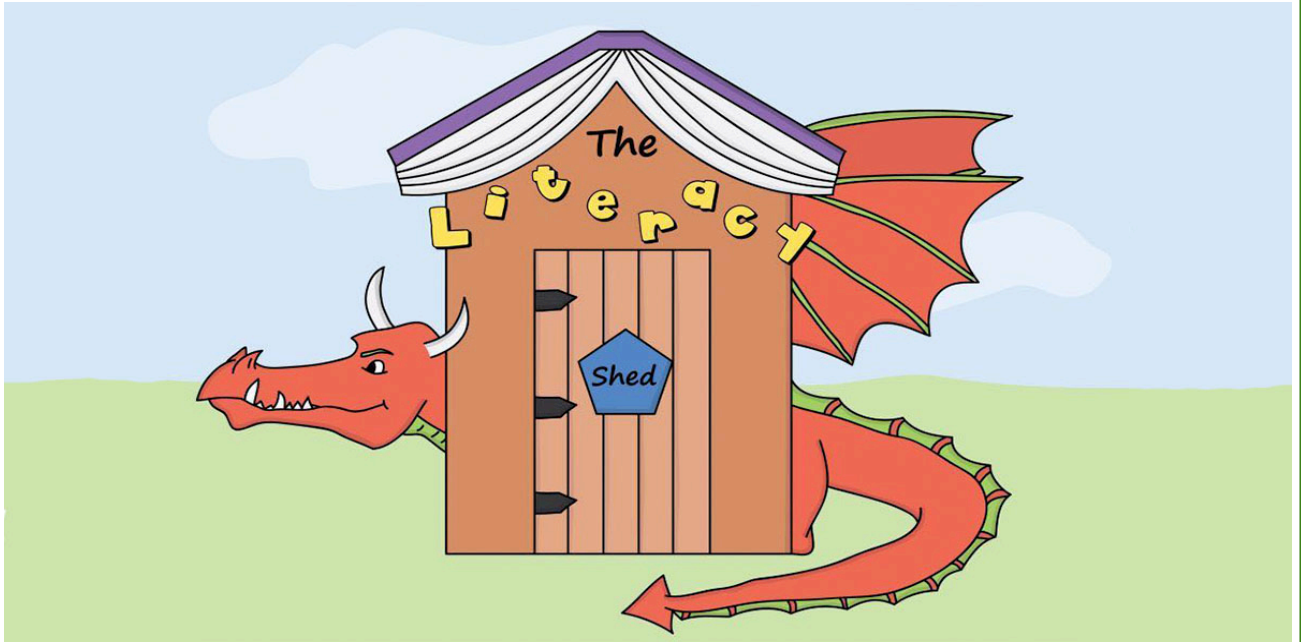


CATCH A LOT



Activity Pack KS2

This pack contains
10 mixed activities
in response to a
short film clip

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PLEASE NOTE

The Literacy Shed website should ALWAYS be used under the supervision of an adult. There are some clips on the site which are only suitable for use with Year 6 children or KS3. Please ensure that children do not search the website independently.

The activities in this pack are designed to use with the following clip...

<https://www.literacyshed.com/catch-a-lot.html>

Other activities to complete after watching the clip:

Children could write a persuasive argument against whaling or from the son to the father asking to be allowed to pursue a new career. They could also persuade the boy that his job is much better than some other Victorian child jobs such as chimney sweep or coal miner.

Create whale fact files/top trumps.

Write alternative endings - stop when all goes black. Children write their own ending before watching the actual animated version. Ideas such as 'heroes' live inside whale like Jonah or catch the biggest whale ever etc.

Write newspaper reports - Use the ideas above and the children write journalistic reports including interviews with the characters.

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Pause after a couple of seconds so we see image of boat and two men aboard it.

What time of day is it?

What can we tell about these characters from what they are doing, what they are wearing and their tools?

What do you think it smells like?

Pause as soon as the image pans out.

Why do you think the director has chosen to pan out?

What might the mist be indicating?

How is the son feeling? What actions can you describe to show this?

Pause after the father shakes the son.

We know the father has spotted a whale, how does the director show us that a whale has been found?

Why is the father becoming more frustrated?

What do you think he would say to his son if he spoke at this point?

What do you think the son is thinking?

Pause after the eye opens at the side of the boat.

How could we describe the whale's appearance using 'show not tell'?

How does the director build tension in this section?

Pause after the view from under the boat after the father has climbed aboard.

How is the father feeling at this point?

What questions would the son be asking himself?

How has the director used the weather to reflect the mood?

Can we think of any synonyms for anger?

Pause when it fades to black.

- What do you think will happen next?

Watch the film to the end

- Does the final image of father change the way his son thinks about him?

Note: there are no answers for these discussion questions.

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Odd Ones Out

Watch the clip. How many of these things can you spot. Tick them when you see them. You might need to watch the clip more than once. Some of these are not in the clip. Which are the odd ones out? (There are 4)

seagull	CATCH A LOT sign	anchor	bottle
Man's reflection	whale's eye	cap	barrel
clouds	lantern	water spurt	whale
boat	waves	bubbles	rope
shark	fishing net	calm sea	whale's teeth



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Jumble Word

c	a	t
c	h	a
l	o	t

Using only the letters in the grid, how many other words can you make? You may only use the letters that are there and only however many times they appear.

Allow 3 points for a 3 letter word, 4 points for a 4 letter word etc.

E.g. Cat (3 points), Chat (4 points), Catch (5 points)

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In the clip, we see examples of **pathetic fallacy**. This is where the weather reflects the mood of the scene. For example, in a scene where someone is crying, the rain is often used to add to the mood.

Watch the clip again and pay attention to the weather. Look at the picture on the next pages and fill the page with words, phrases and sentences to describe what is happening.

Below is a list of words that might help you.

darkening	violent	angry	inky
black	threatening	menacing	pitiless
powerful	forceful	rumble	waves
stricken	clouds	leaden	bleak
wind	gale	thunder	grey
tempestuous	turbulent	crashed	rolled

*E.g. A leaden sky hung angrily above
the little boat.*



E.g. dark, threatening waves gathered

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Using your work from the picture of the sea storm, can you begin to build your own paragraph of writing which increases in suspense and tension. You will be describing the part from where the whale's eye is seen to just before we see the whale come out of the water.

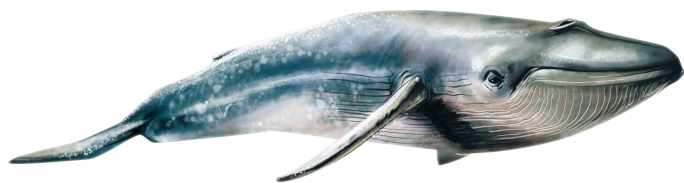
Have a look at the text below to help you.

From out of the gathering mists, something moved. An eye. It was definitely an eye. The thick, grey sky slowly began to envelop the small boat, and the unusually calm water chewed at its hull. In sheer panic, the bird launched himself at the larger man and sent him tumbling backwards into the nothingness, over the side of the boat. The boat creaked and groaned. The smaller man fumbled for his lantern and peered over the side of the boat. His father appeared and flung himself, in a panic, over the side of the stricken vessel. Boom. Above them, thunder rumbled as a stark warning that things were about to worsen. The menacing sky grew instantly colder and, almost immediately, the waves began to push and pull the boat in a game of tug of war. The boat fell to the mercy of the pitiless ocean whilst lightning played across the raging sky and watery fists pummelled the sides of the hull.

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BLUE WHALE FACTS

Read the facts then answer the questions on the next page.



Fascinating Fact!

Though we can't hear them, blue whales are one of the loudest animals on the planet!

Blue whales are the largest mammals to have ever lived. They can grow to over **30m** long and weigh more than **130,000kg**. Their tongues can weigh as much as an elephant and the average blue whale's heart weighs the same as a car.

Blue whale calves (babies) measure around **8m** long and weigh **3,000kg** when they are born. The calf feeds in the water, drinking more than **600** litres of its mother's milk each day and growing by about **90kg** every day for the first year of its life.

Despite their size, blue whales eat creatures (krill) which are a bit like tiny shrimp. Because of their huge size, the average blue whale eats up to **40** million krill each day! They mainly catch their food by diving, and descend to depths of approximately **500** m. Though they are usually found in deep water when hunting, the blue whale must come to the surface of the sea to breathe. When it surfaces, it exhales air out of a blowhole in a cloud of vapour which rises out of the water for up to **9m**!

Whilst being the heaviest creature in the sea, blue whales are also incredibly graceful swimmers and swim at speeds of over **8kmph**. They can reach speeds of over **32kmph**!



BLUE WHALE QUESTIONS

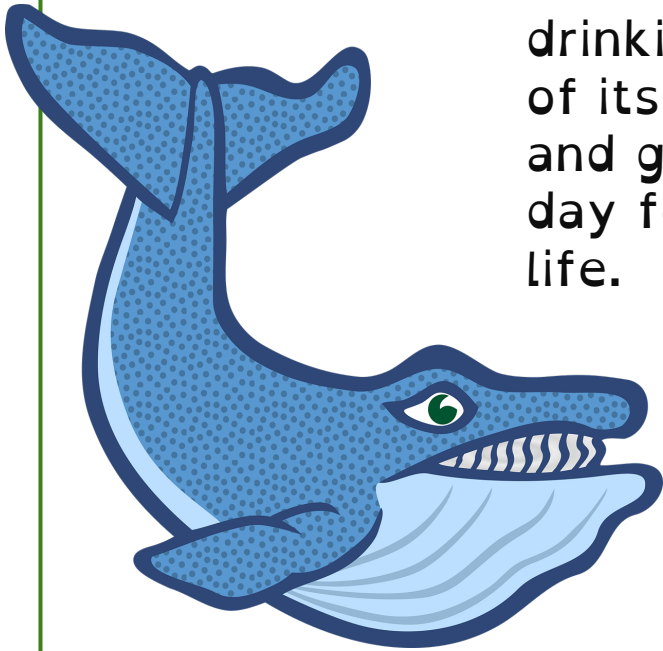
Read each question and decide whether it is true or false

Fact	True	False
Blue whales can weigh more than 130,000kg .		
Blue whale calves grow 600kg per day.		
A blowhole is used to inhale air.		
The average blue whale eats 400 million krill per day.		
We can easily hear blue whales.		

Which word means the same as <i>go down to</i> ?	Which word means the opposite of <i>clumsy</i> ?
Which word means the same as <i>breathes out</i> ?	Which word means the opposite of <i>shallow</i> ?

Which fact shocked you the most? Why?

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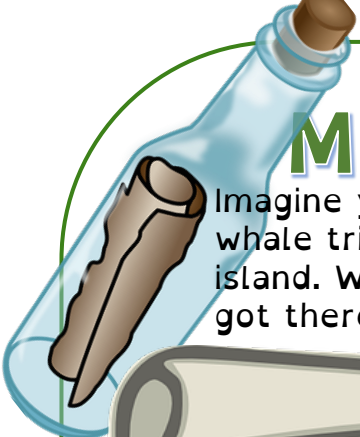


The calf feeds in the water, drinking more than 600 litres of its mother's milk each day and growing by 90kg every day for the first year of its life.

On Monday, the calf weighed 3150kg, if the calf puts on 90kg per day, how much does it weigh each day?

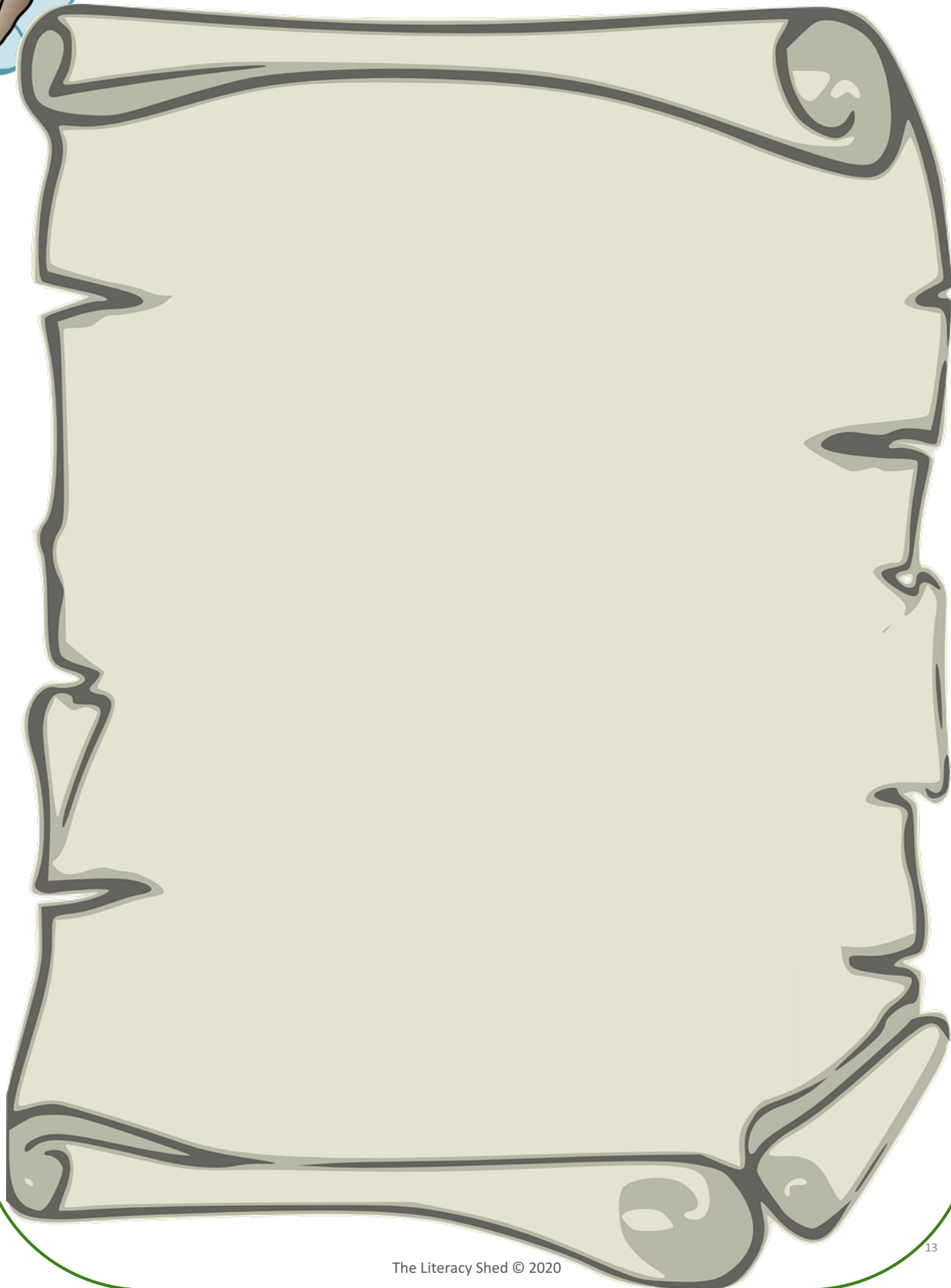
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Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Challenge: After how many days would it weigh 4,860kg?



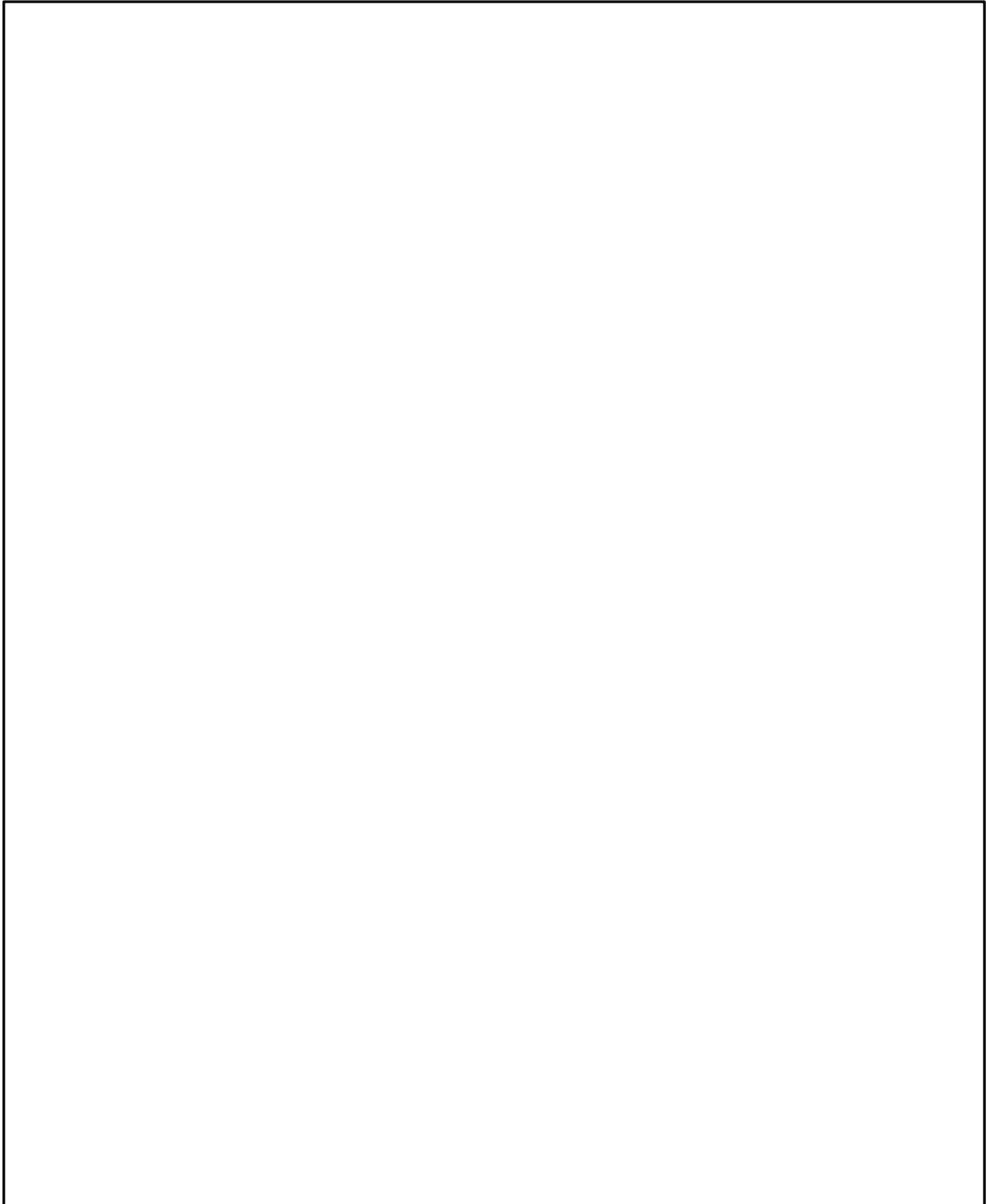
Message in a Bottle

Imagine you are one of the characters from the clip. After the whale tries to eat you, you find yourself washed up on a strange island. Write a message to put into a bottle to explain how you got there.

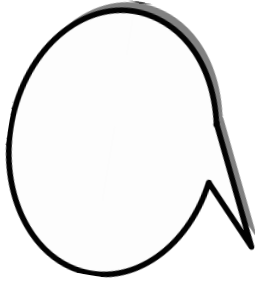
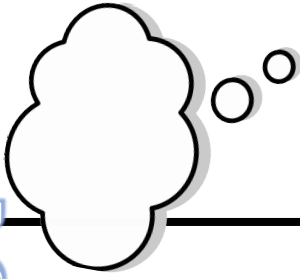


Front Cover

Imagine that the clip you watched was part of a story book. Create a front cover for the book to show what the book is about.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a student to draw a front cover for a story book. The box occupies the majority of the page below the instructions.

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Create a comic strip of the story

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Answers

Answer Page

Odd Ones Out- Shark, bottle, fishing net, rope.

Blue Whale Questions

True
False
False
False
False

Which word means the same as <i>go down to</i> ? Descend	Which word means the opposite of <i>clumsy</i> ? Graceful
Which word means the same as <i>breathes out</i> ? Exhale	Which word means the opposite of <i>shallow</i> ? Deep

Monday	3150 Kg
Tuesday	3240 Kg
Wednesday	3330 Kg
Thursday	3420 Kg
Friday	3510 Kg
Saturday	3600 Kg
Sunday	3690 Kg

**Challenge – After 19 days
(from the first day) or 13 from
Sunday**