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Family Times

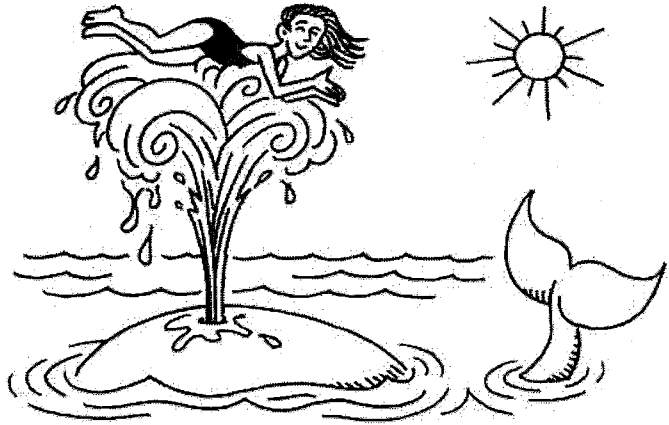
Summary

Adelina's Whales

Adelina Mayoral lives in La Laguna, Mexico. Each January, the gray whales arrive in the lagoon near La Laguna and stay for three months before migrating farther north for the summer. Whale watchers, scientists, and photographers visit La Laguna from all over the world to observe and interact with the whales.

Activity

Silly Sentences Create silly sentences about unusual pets. Try to make each sentence sillier than the one before. If someone says, "If I had a pet whale, I'd walk it on a leash every day," you might say, "If I had a pet whale, I'd sleep inside its mouth underwater."



Comprehension Skill

Fact and Opinion

A **statement of fact** can be proved true or false. You can use a reference book or your own knowledge, or ask an expert, to prove it true or false. A **statement of opinion** cannot be proved true or false because it expresses a belief or a judgment.

Activity

Not Just the Facts Together, with a family member, read a short newspaper editorial. Identify sentences that are statements of fact, statements of opinion, or both. Talk about what clues made you decide to categorize the sentences the way you did.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Adelina's Whales*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

biologist a scientist who studies living things

bluff a high, steep slope or cliff

lagoon a pond or small lake, especially one connected to a larger body of water.

massive big and heavy; bulky

rumbling making a deep, heavy, continuous sound

tropical of or like the regions 23.45 degrees north and south of the equator, where the sun can shine directly overhead

Conventions

Main and Helping Verbs

The **main verb** shows the action in a sentence. The **helping verb** works with the main verb, helping to show whether the action in the sentence is in the past, present, or future. *Am, is, are, was, and were* can be helping verbs. *For example: I am talking to Mother.* "Talking" is the *main verb* and "am" is the *helping verb*.

Activity

When Is It Happening? Make a list together of several action verbs. Then see if you can write three sentences for each one of them, using a helping verb to show action happening in the past, present, and future. *For example: We were cooking dinner. We are cooking dinner. Soon we will be cooking dinner.*

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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