

An illustration of a child with long brown hair, wearing a red sweater and blue pants, standing on a wooden pier and pointing towards the ocean. The background features a vast blue sea with white-capped waves, green hills with small evergreen trees, and a clear blue sky. The child is seen from behind, looking out over the water.

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## Focus Question

Where does the girl  
look for whales?

| Words to Know |         |
|---------------|---------|
| carefully     | surface |
| docks         | tricky  |
| spot          | whales  |

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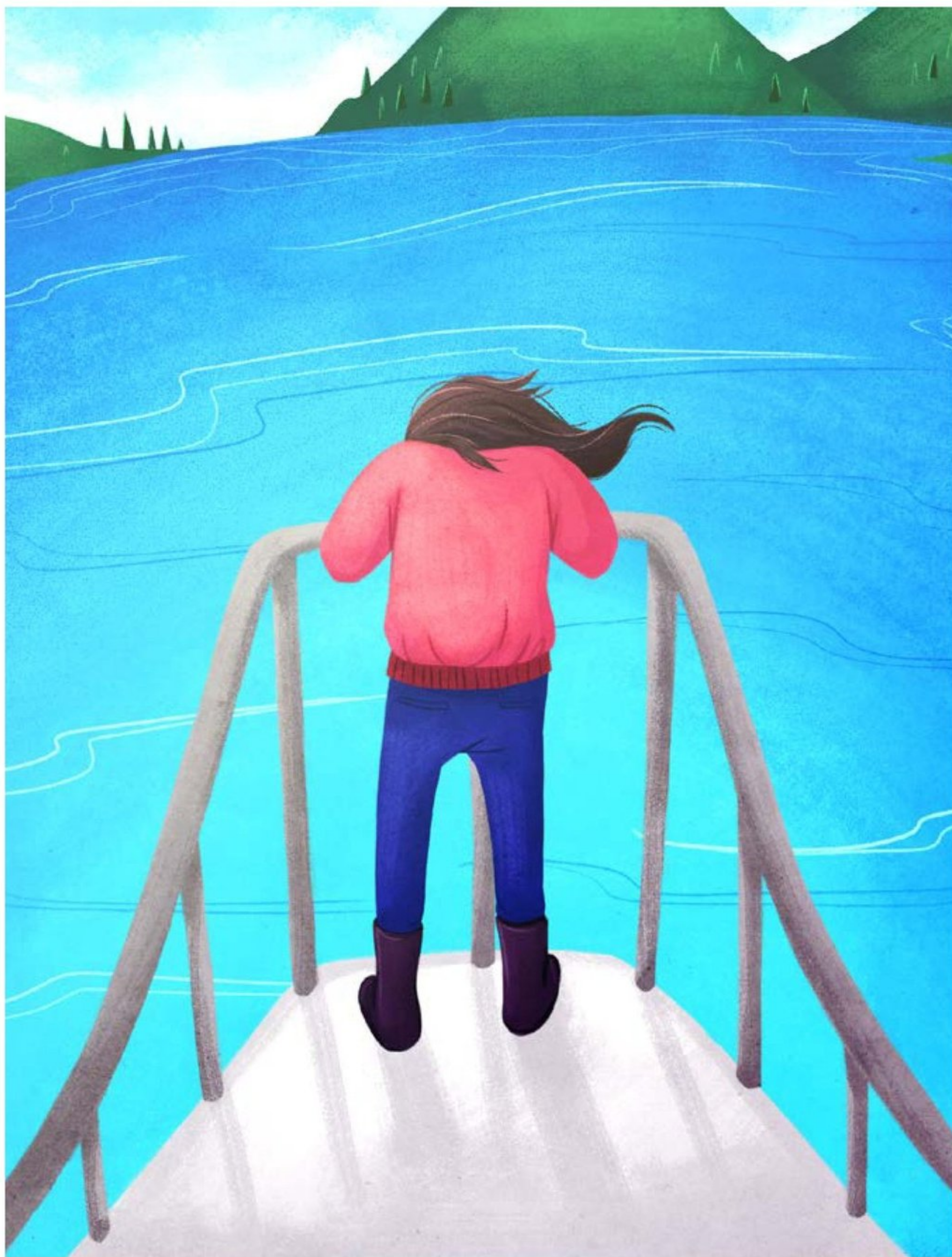
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Watching for whales  
is tricky.  
I look carefully  
to spot them.  
I look for a long time.





I watch for whales  
near the boat.  
No luck.





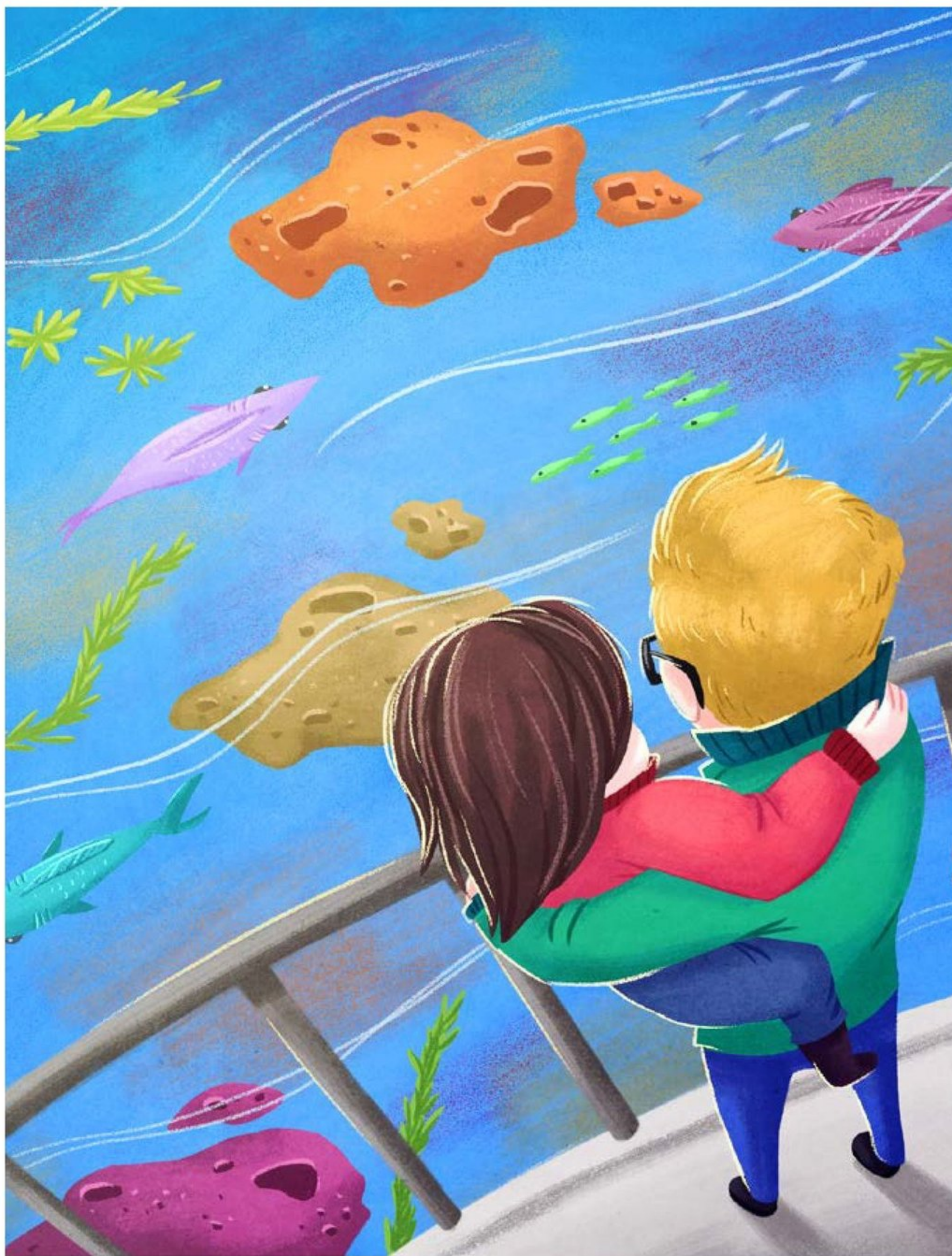
I watch for whales  
out at sea.  
No luck.





I watch for whales  
by the docks.  
No luck.





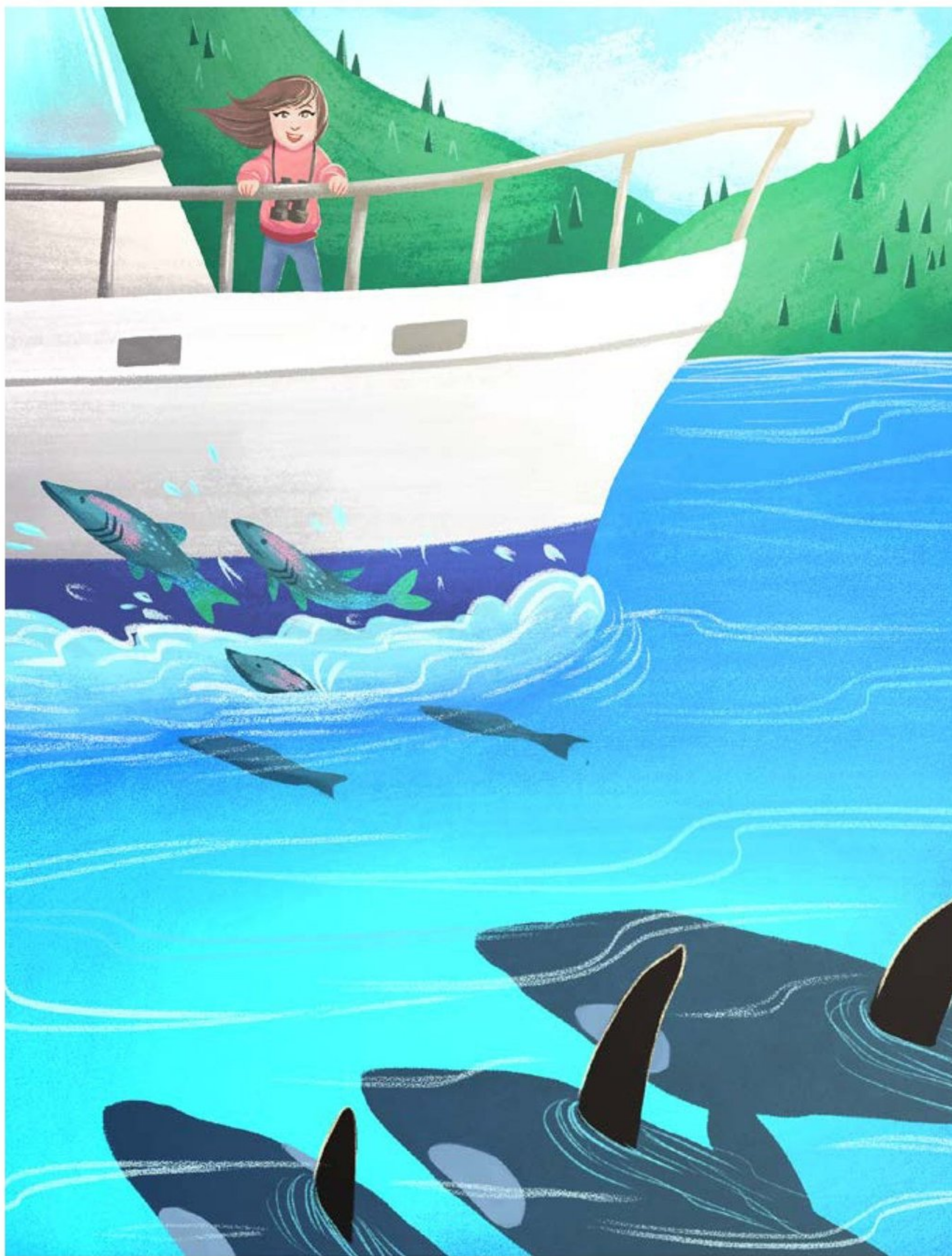
I watch for whales  
near the surface.  
No luck.





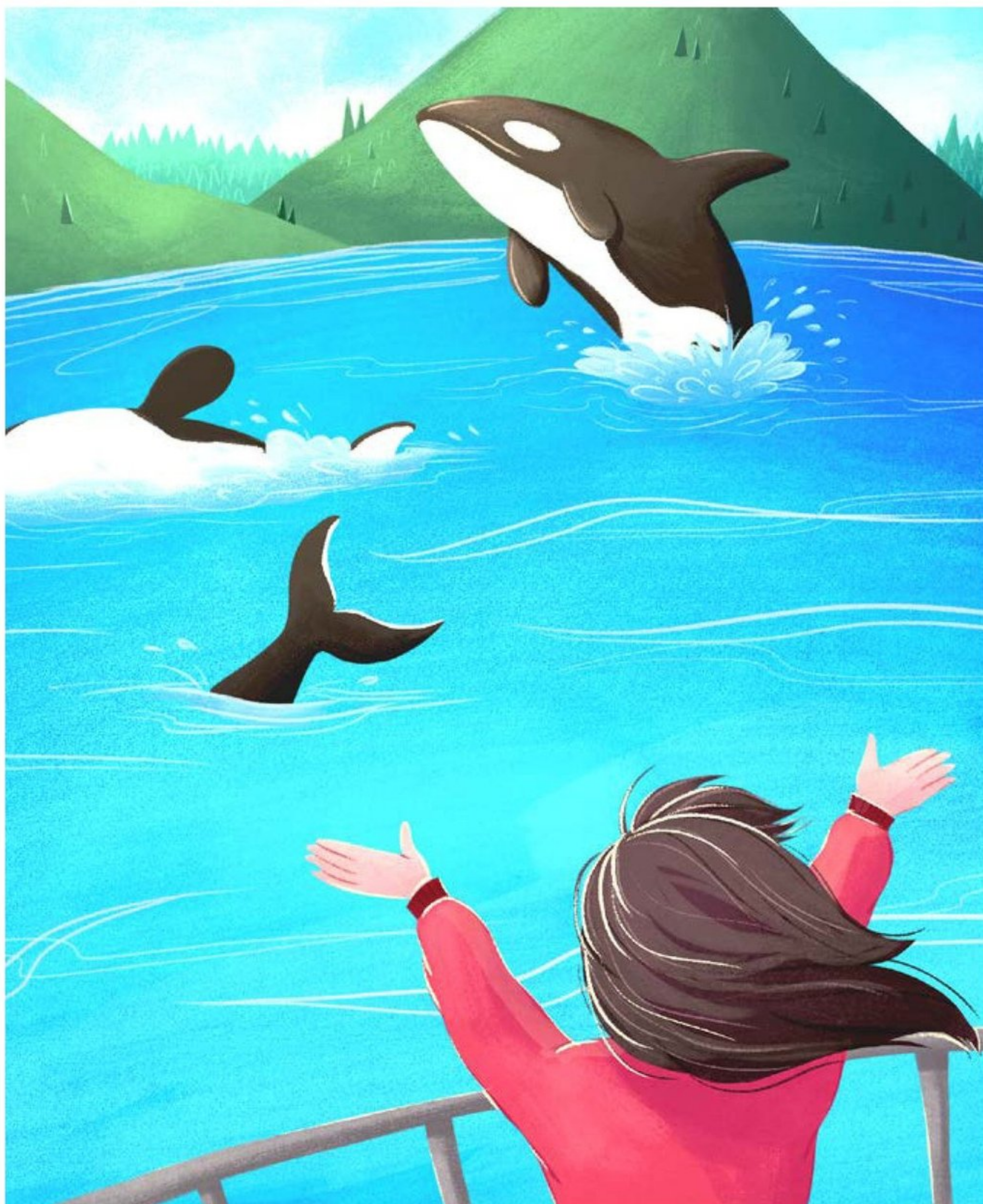
I watch for whales  
in the waves.  
No luck.





I watch for whales  
near the fish.  
I spot three big shapes.





I watch three whales  
follow the fish.  
To spot whales, first spot  
their dinner!



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*Word Count: 88*

## Connections

### Writing and Art

Would you like to go whale watching?

Why or why not?

Draw a picture and write about it.

### Science

What other animals could you spot in the ocean?

Share your ideas with a partner.

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