



Quick Check

Blue Whales: Giant Mammals

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the book?
  - Ⓐ Blue whales have a layer of blubber beneath their skin.
  - Ⓑ Scientists study whale songs.
  - Ⓒ Krill are tiny shrimplike creatures.
  - Ⓓ Blue whales are the largest creatures on Earth.
2. Some scientists believe whale songs function as a type of \_\_\_\_\_, or a system that sends high-frequency sound waves through water.
  - Ⓐ sonar
  - Ⓑ cetaceans
  - Ⓒ buoyancy
  - Ⓓ flukes
3. Which of the following details supports the main idea of the section "Diet and Feeding"?
  - Ⓐ Water provides buoyancy that supports the blue whale's massive size.
  - Ⓑ Blue whales dive to search for krill, their favorite meal.
  - Ⓒ A blue whale calf has strong bonds with its mother and stays close to her.
  - Ⓓ Blue whales live in all of the world's oceans.
4. How are blue whales, in the suborder *Mysticeti*, different from whales in the suborder *Odontoceti*?
  - Ⓐ Blue whales give birth to living babies.
  - Ⓑ Blue whales are mammals.
  - Ⓒ Blue whales have baleen in their mouth.
  - Ⓓ Blue whales have a tail.

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5. What is the author's purpose in the conclusion?
  - Ⓐ to entertain readers with stories about hunting blue whales
  - Ⓑ to persuade readers of the need to study and protect blue whales
  - Ⓒ to inform readers of the blue whales eating process
  - Ⓓ to inform readers of blue whale mothers and babies
  
6. **Extended Response:** Describe at least one opinion about blue whales that you read in the book. Then, write two opinions you formed about blue whales while you read, and cite specific facts from the book that support your opinions.



1. **(D)** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **(A)** *Vocabulary*
3. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
4. **(C)** *Compare and Contrast*
5. **(B)** *Author's Purpose*

6. Answers will identify an opinion from the book, such as the following: blue whales fascinate researchers; it may seem strange that the largest animal feeds on the smallest; the "majestic" blue whale, and so on. Answers will conclude with two opinions held by the student, supported by specific details from the book.