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

1. Which of the following is smaller than a blue whale?
 - Ⓐ a dolphin
 - Ⓑ a human
 - Ⓒ an elephant
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Most whales fall into which two groups?
 - Ⓐ gray; blue
 - Ⓑ heavy; light
 - Ⓒ toothed; baleen
 - Ⓓ porpoise; dolphin
3. What are groups of whales called?
 - Ⓐ pods
 - Ⓑ packs
 - Ⓒ herds
 - Ⓓ flocks
4. What is the main idea of the section titled "Types of Whales"?
 - Ⓐ Baleen whales do not have teeth.
 - Ⓑ There are about 75 kinds of whales.
 - Ⓒ The narwhal is a toothed whale.
 - Ⓓ Whales are mammals.
5. Which of these sentences states a fact?
 - Ⓐ Whales breathe through a blowhole.
 - Ⓑ Everyone is afraid of killer whales.
 - Ⓒ Blue whales are the most interesting whales.
 - Ⓓ It is important to save all whales.
6. What was whale blubber used for?
 - Ⓐ lamp oil
 - Ⓑ paint
 - Ⓒ soap
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. Why do whales migrate?
 - Ⓐ to feed and reproduce
 - Ⓑ to escape cold water
 - Ⓒ to escape whale hunters
 - Ⓓ to exercise
8. The section titled "Characteristics of Whales" provides many details. Which of the following is not a characteristic of whales?
 - Ⓐ They have lungs and must come to the surface for air.
 - Ⓑ Their body temperature is almost the same as a human's.
 - Ⓒ Whales have scaly skin.
 - Ⓓ Female whales give birth to live young.
9. What do baleen whales do after filtering small animals from the water?
 - Ⓐ They swallow the small animals.
 - Ⓑ They migrate to a colder place.
 - Ⓒ They spit them out.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
10. Which is an example of a smaller whale?
 - Ⓐ fish
 - Ⓑ dolphin
 - Ⓒ turtle
 - Ⓓ octopus
11. **Extended Response:** How are toothed and baleen whales different from each other?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Whales

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓒ *Classify Information*
3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers should include the ideas: *Toothed whales have jaws and teeth and eat fish and other sea life. Examples of toothed whales are the narwhal and orca. Baleen whales do not have teeth but have a special material on their upper jaw. The whale swims with its mouth open and water and sea animals flow in. When the mouth is closed, the water passes out through the baleen and the food remains to be swallowed. Examples of baleen whales are gray whales and humpback whales.*