



## Quick Check

## Whale Sharks: Giant Fish

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Which of the following statements is an opinion about whale sharks?
  - Ⓐ People safely swim with whale sharks.
  - Ⓑ Whale sharks are special fish.
  - Ⓒ Some whale sharks make long trips.
2. What is the main idea of the section "Giant Babies"?
  - Ⓐ Whale sharks are huge yet gentle.
  - Ⓑ Whale sharks give birth to live babies.
  - Ⓒ Whale sharks do not chew their food.
3. How is the way whale sharks eat different from how people eat?
  - Ⓐ They eat plants and animals.
  - Ⓑ They take food in through their mouth.
  - Ⓒ They don't chew their food.
4. What does the picture on page 4 help readers understand about whale sharks?
  - Ⓐ the size of a whale shark compared to humans
  - Ⓑ the places where whale sharks live and travel
  - Ⓒ the features that make a whale shark a fish
5. Which of the following words means about the same as **gentle**?
  - Ⓐ harsh
  - Ⓑ giant
  - Ⓒ kind
6. **Extended Response:** Why did the author write this book? Use at least two details to justify your answer. How would the book be different if the author wrote for a different purpose?



1. (B) *Fact or Opinion*
2. (B) *Main Idea and Details*
3. (C) *Compare and Contrast*
4. (A) *Main Idea and Details*
5. (C) *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary slightly.  
Students should indicate that the author wrote for the purpose of informing the reader, and refer to two factual details or topics that confirm this purpose. Students should then describe how the book would change if the author's purpose were to entertain or persuade. For example, if the author had chosen to entertain instead, he might have written a fictional story about a whale shark that describes an underwater adventure.