

Name _____ Date _____

1. Which of the following sentences is an example of the author teaching the reader about orcas?
 - Ⓐ Orcas are much more interesting to learn about than dolphins.
 - Ⓑ When we take care of the Earth, we are helping to take care of orcas.
 - Ⓒ Orcas are big dolphins that are black and white.
2. Where do orcas live?
 - Ⓐ in big lakes
 - Ⓑ in the ocean
 - Ⓒ in the ocean and in lakes
3. What causes an orca to come up out of the water?
 - Ⓐ They cannot go all the way under water.
 - Ⓑ They like to look around for boats.
 - Ⓒ They need to breathe air.
4. Why are orcas called “killer whales”?
 - Ⓐ They are strong hunters.
 - Ⓑ They are big dolphins.
 - Ⓒ They are the most dangerous animals in the ocean.
5. Listen to this sentence: *Orcas hunt in packs*. What does the word **pack** mean?
 - Ⓐ a dark area in the ocean
 - Ⓑ a group of animals
 - Ⓒ a place with many fish
6. **Extended Response:** Have students write why they believe orcas are strong hunters using details from the book.

Instructions: Sit next to the student and read the first question as you run your finger under the words. Ask the student to wait to answer until you have read all the choices. Repeat them if necessary. Have the student choose the best answer. Repeat with the remaining questions.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

All About Orcas

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers should include: *Orcas are strong hunters because they hunt in packs, have sharp teeth, and so on.*

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