

Suggested Literacy activities for 4th Class Group

Hi Girls,

I hope that you are all keeping well and that you all had a lovely Christmas! I have scheduled a zoom meeting for this Wednesday the 13th at 10:30am. The details of this meeting are below.

Many thanks,

Ms.Dillon

Eileen Dillon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: 4th Class Numeracy Group
Time: Jan 13, 2021 10:30 AM London
Join Zoom Meeting
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Week Beginning 11th January 2021

- Christmas Holiday News- Write about an interesting event from the Christmas Holidays. It could be something that happened to you or someone you know.
- How many words can you see in the word **rainbow**? Write them out in your copy!
- Memory Game- The suitcase Game- With someone at home, go around in turn and say what you are putting in the suitcase. Each person has to say all the other items as well as their own new one. If you get it wrong, you're out! To keep things fresh, decide on a theme of the objects – it doesn't always have to be travel-based.
- English Comprehension (see below) ' What is a Whale Spout?'
Read the text and answer the questions based on the text.
- Homophones- Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings. They also have different spellings. **Examples are:** knight, night; see, sea,

Complete the activity below based on homophones.

Play the homophone game on BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhp2p/articles/zc84cwx>

- **PAT:** Say the following word endings- -ame, -ink, -ipe and -amp
Think of words ending in -ame, -ink, -ipe, and -amp
Write down all the words you can think of.
- **Find a Word Game** – Rules – You can only use each letter once only
You cannot include proper nouns. **Proper nouns:** the names of people, places, days of the week and months- for example, Brian Boru, Dublin, Wednesday, September

I	N	F	E
A	S	D	Y
L	U	P	R
V	W	H	O

- Try making a whale with grey card. Label the whale's eyes, mouth, tail, lungs and blowhole.

What is a Whale Spout?

A whale is an enormous animal that lives in the sea. If you go out on a boat in the sea, you may be lucky and see a whale as it swims past. Sometimes you may see the whale's body or tail as it comes out of the water. You might also see something spraying out of the sea and into the air. This spray is called a whale spout. If you see a whale spout coming out of the water, there will be a whale swimming underneath the waves!



Whales need to take air into their lungs just like we do. When we breathe, air goes in and out of our mouth. Air goes in and out of the holes at the end of our noses, too. These holes are called nostrils. A whale does not have nostrils. When a whale breathes, air goes in and out of its blowhole. The blowhole is on top of the whale's head. When a whale needs to breathe, it lifts its blowhole out of the water for about two seconds. The whale then opens its blowhole. This is when the whale blows out air from its lungs. It then breathes in fresh air very quickly before going back under the water.



Whales are very strong and the air that comes out of their blowhole goes way up into the air. It looks like the whale is blowing out water, but it isn't. It is just blowing out air.

This is what we call a whale spout. When the whale goes back under the water again, the blowhole shuts. This is so water cannot get into the whale's lungs.

Whales can stay under the water for a long time. The next time you are near the sea, look out across the water and see if you can see a whale spout!



Questions

Literal

1. What do we call the holes in our nose?
 - a) We call these blowholes.
 - b) We call these lungs.
 - c) We call these air holes.
 - d) We call these nostrils.
2. Where do whales live?
 - a) Whales live in duck ponds.
 - b) Whales live in lakes.
 - c) Whales live in the sea.
 - d) Whales live on farms.

3. What happens to the whale's blowhole when it goes under the water?
- a) The blowhole closes.
 - b) The blowhole disappears.
 - c) The blowhole gets small.
 - d) The blowhole opens.

Write the words into the story.

4. If you see a whale spout coming out of the water, _____ will be a whale swimming underneath the waves! (*their, there, they*)
5. When a whale needs to breathe, it lifts its blowhole out of the water _____ about two seconds. (*in, for, around*)
6. When the whale goes back _____ the water again, the blowhole shuts. (*on, over, under*)

Inferential

7. Can you see whales if you are on land?
- a) No, because whales only swim way out in the sea.
 - b) Yes, if they are swimming close to land.
 - c) Yes, if you hide behind some rocks.
 - d) No, because whales only like to swim near people on boats.
8. Why do whales have to let air out of their lungs?
- a) So that they have room in their lungs for fresh air.
 - b) So that people in boats can see them.
 - c) So that other whales can see them.
 - d) So that they can eat more fish.
9. If a whale didn't close its blowhole before it went under water where would the water go?

Write down what you think.

Applied/Analytical/Evaluative

10. Is a dolphin like a whale? Why? Why not? Write down what you think.



Homophones

there

their

they're

there Adverb meaning in, at, or to a place other than here.

Place the book over there.

their Possessive pronoun, showing something belongs to a person or people mentioned earlier.

Their car broke down today.

they're Contraction of "they are".

They're going to study tonight.

Choose "there, their or they're" to complete each sentence.

1. The girl dropped her book bag over _____.
2. I hope _____ going to invite us to the party.
3. The boys were playing with _____ football when I called them in for dinner.
4. _____ going to run out of snacks.
5. I wish I could run all the way over _____.
6. _____ stuff was all over the place.