

# Literature Ex. – Moby-dick



Based on Moby-dick's chapters 11-15 retold from the Herman Melville original (version Classic Starts from Sterling Children's Books), complete the activities proposed below.

## Chapters 11-15

A. Complete the following sentences using information from the book only. **USE BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS.**

1. Each time there was a sighting of a whale whoever was in the masthead yelled "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is of essential importance when doing any job on board a ship, especially after a whale is killed.
3. After killing a whale, sailors took the oil and kept it in \_\_\_\_\_ on the ship.
4. One way to pass \_\_\_\_\_ among sailors during long voyages was to stop and greet other ships.
5. Everybody in the Pequod was amazed when they found out that the Jungfrau had \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ishmael and the other shipmates spotted \_\_\_\_\_ and quickly dropped their boats into the water.

B. Based on the story, decide if the statements below are TRUE (T), FALSE (F), or NOT MENTIONED (NM).

1. Despite his interest in the white whale, Captain Ahab was aware of the things inside his ship. \_\_\_\_\_
2. There exist several ways to make knots which sailors use for different jobs. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whales were cut on board to extract their oil and meat easily. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Captain Mayhew's crew had been travelling for months when meeting the Pequod's. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gabriel seems to have more authority than Captain Mayhew. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Captain Derick could barely answer Ahab's questions about the white whale. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Despite the difficulties, Captain Derick and his men could catch a whale. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Choose the correct name of the character who performed each of the statements below. **SOME NAMES CAN BE USED MORE THAN ONCE.**

Who

1. though that the captain was going mentally ill? \_\_\_\_\_
2. helped guide Queequeg's rope while cutting the whales? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. found the wreck of a ship attacked by Moby-dick? \_\_\_\_\_
4. warned Captain Ahab of not chasing Moby-dick? \_\_\_\_\_
5. realized that the German ship, *Jungfrau*, needed oil? \_\_\_\_\_
6. made several mistakes when hunting? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Circle the letter of the best answer to complete each sentence.**

1. Captain Ahab used to search \_\_\_\_\_ that Moby-dick would follow.  
a. the waters                      b. the path of food                      c. the groups of whales
2. When using the ropes for hunting, there is always the danger that these could \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. burst into flames                      b. break if they get wet                      c. be subjected to overloading
3. Hunting a lot of whales will represent higher profits when selling their \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. oil                      b. meat                      c. big organs
4. Captain Ahab seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ for the tragic end of those who looked for the white whale.  
a. show no regret                      b. show no respect                      c. show little concern
5. The harpooner in Derick's boat \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. hit the whale                      b. was cast out into the sea                      c. could survive the whale's attack

**E. Based on the story, write a short answer for each question. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**.**

1. According to Starbuck, what animal was thought to be as frightening as Moby-dick?  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. What object is attached to a harpoon when it is thrown?  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. Being on board, who makes the decision to let a whale go if it risks damaging the ship?  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was supposed to be given to Harry Macey?  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many whales were caught by the Pequod after the meeting with the *Jungfrau*?  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_