Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

BLUE WHALES



Blue whales, the world's largest animals, have **(1)** _____ seen sighted again in British waters for the first time in **(2)** _____ least twenty years. Indications that a population **(3)** _____ blue whales was inhabiting the waters west of Scotland came for the first time **(4)** _____ the United States Navy, **(5)** _____ surveillance system picked **(6)** _____ the songs of a lot of different whales. American zoologists subsequently identified the blue whale song among them.

Now marine biologist, Carol Booker, **(7)** _____ actually seen a blue whale there herself. She has **(8)** _____ doubt about **(9)** _____ she saw, because they have distinctive fins which are very small for **(10)** _____ size. She says, "Worldwide **(11)** _____ were almost extinct and **(12)** _____ seemed they had completely vanished **(13)** _____ the North Atlantic, so you can imagine **(14)** _____ I felt actually seeing one! However, it is certainly **(15)** _____ soon to say if it is **(16)** _____ indication of a population recovery." She goes **(17)** _____ to say, "What it does show **(18)** _____ the importance of this area of the ocean **(19)** _____ whales, and how essential it is **(20)** _____ control the pollution of **(21)** _____ seas."

Bigger than **(22)** _____ dinosaur known **(23)** _____ man, blue whales are the largest animals **(24)** _____ to have lived **(25)** _____ earth. A blue whale is more **(26)** _____ six metres long **(27)** _____ birth and, **(28)** _____ grown, its heart is the **(29)** _____ height as a tall man and weighs as much **(30)** _____ a horse.

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