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Reading Comprehension

- Learning Objectives: Use information in the passage to complete comprehension tasks.
- Steps to Success:
 - ☐ Read the passage
 - ☐ Look at the pronoun, who or what does each pronoun refer to?
 - ☐ Underline the meaning of the word
 - ☐ Answer the questions in full sentences

Read the passage:

Papina



In the middle of the ocean, there lived a big blue mother whale and ¹**her** baby calf, Papina. Papina was a curious little whale. She loved to explore every corners and holes around her home. Even though Papina was only four years old, her body was as long as ten children swimming in a line.

Papina has a good friend named Dolly. Dolly was a dolphin. ²**She** liked to swim near the coast to see the ships and people on land. Papina was not allowed to swim close to shore. So she loved to hear Dolly's stories about all that was happening above.

One day, Papina begged her mother to let her swim to the coast.

"Absolutely not!" replied her mother sternly. "You are still very young and it's very dangerous," her mother added.

Papina felt very sad. "It's unfair. ³**I** don't care what mother says. I'm going to see the world," said Papina to herself.

Papina swished her tail and swam away quickly. Soon, Papina felt the water get warmer and ⁴**she** began to float up.

"Oh...how beautiful!" she sighed as she popped her head out of the water and saw the coastline in the distance. There were green trees on land and white seagull flying in the sky.

Suddenly, Papina felt her belly brushed against the sand. She could not swim.

The sight of Papina on the beach had attracted many people. ⁵**They** brought ropes and hooks to pull Papina up.

Poor Papina! She could not free herself from the rope that the people had put around her. Papina was dragged to the shore and there's nothing she could do.

"I wished I had listened to my mother," she wept to herself.

Now answer the questions:

Exercise 1

☺ Look at the words which are numbered in the passage. What/who does each word refer to? Write the answer in the space provided.

Example:

Papina was a little whale. She loved to explore the ocean.

She - Papina

1. her - _____

2. She - _____

3. I - _____

4. she - _____

5. They - _____

Exercise 2

☺ Select the correct meaning of the words used in the passage.

6. 'ocean' means
 - a. A very large area of land covered with sand
 - b. A very tall building
 - c. A very large area of water that covers the earth's surface

7. 'shore' means
 - a. A land along the edge of the sea
 - b. A flat land
 - c. A fishing area

8. 'popped' means
 - a. went down
 - b. rose up
 - c. jumped

9. 'seagulls' means
 - a. A kind of big fish
 - b. A kind of birds
 - c. Tall mountains with thick jungle

10. 'dragged' means
 - a. To push something slowly
 - b. To tell the truth
 - c. To pull something with great effort

Exercise 3

☺ Answer the questions in full sentences.

11. Where did Papina live?

12. Who was Papina's good friend?

13. What did Papina tell her mother one day?

14. What happened to Papina at the end?

15. Do you think Papina should have listened to her mother?
