

Complete the notes below.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Mass Strandings of Whales and Dolphins

Mass strandings: situations where groups of whales, dolphins, etc. swim onto the beach and die

Common in areas where the **31** can change quickly

Several other theories:

Parasites

e.g. some parasites can affect marine animals' **32**, which they depend on for navigation

Toxins

Poisons from **33** or are commonly consumed by whales

e.g. Cape Cod (1988) – whales were killed by saxitoxin

Accidental Strandings

Animals may follow prey ashore, e.g. Thurston (1995)

Unlikely because the majority of animals were not **34** when they stranded

Human Activity

35 from military tests are linked to some recent strandings

The Bahamas (2000) stranding was unusual because the whales

- were all **36**
- were not in a **37**

Group Behaviour

- More strandings in the most **38** species of whales
- 1994 dolphin stranding – only the **39** was ill

Further Reading

Marine Mammals Ashore (Connor) – gives information about stranding **40**