

Use passive voice in *simple present* and *simple past* to complete the following passage.



### The Blue Whale

The blue whale is the largest living creature on Earth. Usually these whales \_\_\_\_\_  
(**find**) in the cold Arctic and Antarctic oceans, but in the winter they \_\_\_\_\_ (**force**) to travel to warmer waters for food. It \_\_\_\_\_ (**think**) that there were once

hundreds of thousands of blue whales, although today only about 1,000 exist. During the last century, blue whales \_\_\_\_\_ (**hunt**) for food and for whalebone, which \_\_\_\_\_ (**use**) to make women's clothing. In 1930, 30 thousand blue whales \_\_\_\_\_ (**kill**) by hunters. Today commercial whaling \_\_\_\_\_ (**ban**), and it \_\_\_\_\_ (**hope**) that one day thousands of blue whales will *be seen* in the world's ocean again. The mechanism behind modern whale migration \_\_\_\_\_ (**debate**) since they are not as specific in their movement patterns as other species, and there is substantial evidence of alternative strategies, such as year-round residency, partial or differential migration, and anomalous habits such as feeding on breeding grounds. It \_\_\_\_\_ (**know**) that their natural predator is the orca, and whales near the waters of California have been sighted with scars that prove their encounter.

Blue whales \_\_\_\_\_ solely \_\_\_\_\_ (**protect**) in areas of the Southern Hemisphere starting in 1939, and such protection has been extended so much that today they \_\_\_\_\_ formally \_\_\_\_\_ (classify) as *endangered* under the Endangered Species Act and \_\_\_\_\_ (**consider**) *depleted* and *strategic* under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. They are definitely a wonder of our oceans!