

Flyers Reading Comprehension Practice

Name: _____ Date: _____

READ THE TEXT

Orcas – The Wolves of the Sea

Orcas are mammals and big dolphins. They are much bigger than most other dolphins. They live in the ocean, and many orcas live in cold water.

Orcas cannot breathe underwater like fish. They need to come to the surface to breathe air through a **blowhole**.

Orcas are **black and white**. These colors help them hide in the water. They are strong **hunters**, so people also call them **killer whales**.

Orcas are sometimes called the “**wolves of the sea**” because they hunt in **packs**. A pack is a group of animals that hunt together. Working together helps orcas catch food.

Orcas have big, strong **teeth**. They do not chew their food. They use their teeth to catch and tear their food. They eat fish, seals, and even other dolphins.

Orcas also have big **fins**. Their fins help them move through the water. They are powerful animals and excellent hunters.

PART 1 - CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. What are orcas?

- A. Fish
- B. Mammals and dolphins
- C. Birds

2. Where do orcas live?

- A. In rivers
- B. In the ocean
- C. On farms

3. How do orcas breathe?

- A. Through their fins
- B. Through their teeth

C. Through a blowhole

4. Why are orcas called “wolves of the sea”?

- A. They live on land.
- B. They hunt in packs.
- C. They have four legs.

5. What do orcas eat?

- A. Fish and seals
- B. Grass and plants
- C. Fruit and vegetables

6. What do their fins help them do?

- A. Fly
- B. Move through water
- C. Chew food

PART 2 - Write T (True) or F (False).

1. ____ Orcas are mammals.
2. ____ Orcas can breathe underwater like fish.
3. ____ Orcas are black and white.
4. ____ Orcas usually hunt alone.
5. ____ Orcas use their teeth to catch and tear food.
6. ____ Orcas use their fins to move through water.

PART 3 - COMPLETE THE SENTENCES - Use the words in the below.

mammals · ocean · blowhole · breathe · hunters · pack · teeth · fins

1. Orcas are _____ and dolphins.
2. They live in the _____.
3. Orcas need to _____ air.
4. They breathe through a _____.
5. Orcas are strong _____.
6. A group of orcas that hunts together is called a _____.
7. Orcas have big, strong _____.
8. Their _____ help them move through the water.

PART 4 - READ & ANSWER. Answer in complete sentences.

1. Why do orcas need to come to the surface?

→ _____

2. How do the black and white colors help orcas?

→ _____

3. Why are orcas called “wolves of the sea”?

→ _____

4. What do orcas use their teeth for?

→ _____

5. What animals do orcas eat?

→ _____

PART 5 – THINK & EXPLAIN

Think about the text and answer.

1. Why is hunting in a pack useful for orcas?

→ _____

→ _____

2. Why are orcas good hunters?

→ _____

→ _____

3. What is the main idea of the text?

→ _____

→ _____

PART 6 – RETELL THE TEXT

Tell me about orcas in your own words. Use the keywords to help you:

**ORCAS → MAMMALS → OCEAN → BLOWHOLE → BLACK & WHITE → HUNTERS →
PACKS → TEETH → FOOD → FINS**

My Summary

Orcas are _____.

They live in _____.

They breathe through _____.

They are _____.

They hunt in _____.

They eat _____.

They use their fins to _____.

PART 7 - ORCAS AND DOLPHINS

A. What is the same?

Write 2 things that orcas and dolphins have in common.

1. Both orcas and dolphins are _____.

2. Both of them _____.

B. What is different?

1. Orcas are usually _____ than dolphins.

2. Orcas can eat _____.

3. Orcas are _____, while dolphins are usually _____.

C. Think and answer

Which animal would you like to learn more about: orcas or dolphins? Why?

→ I would like to learn more about _____ because _____