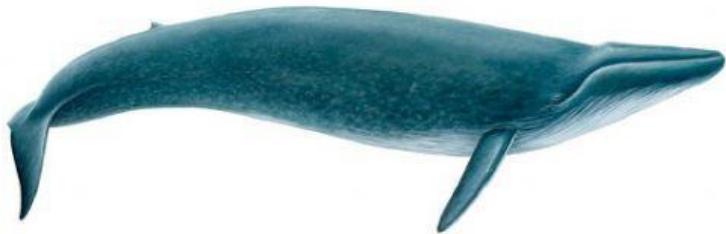


Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

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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