

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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