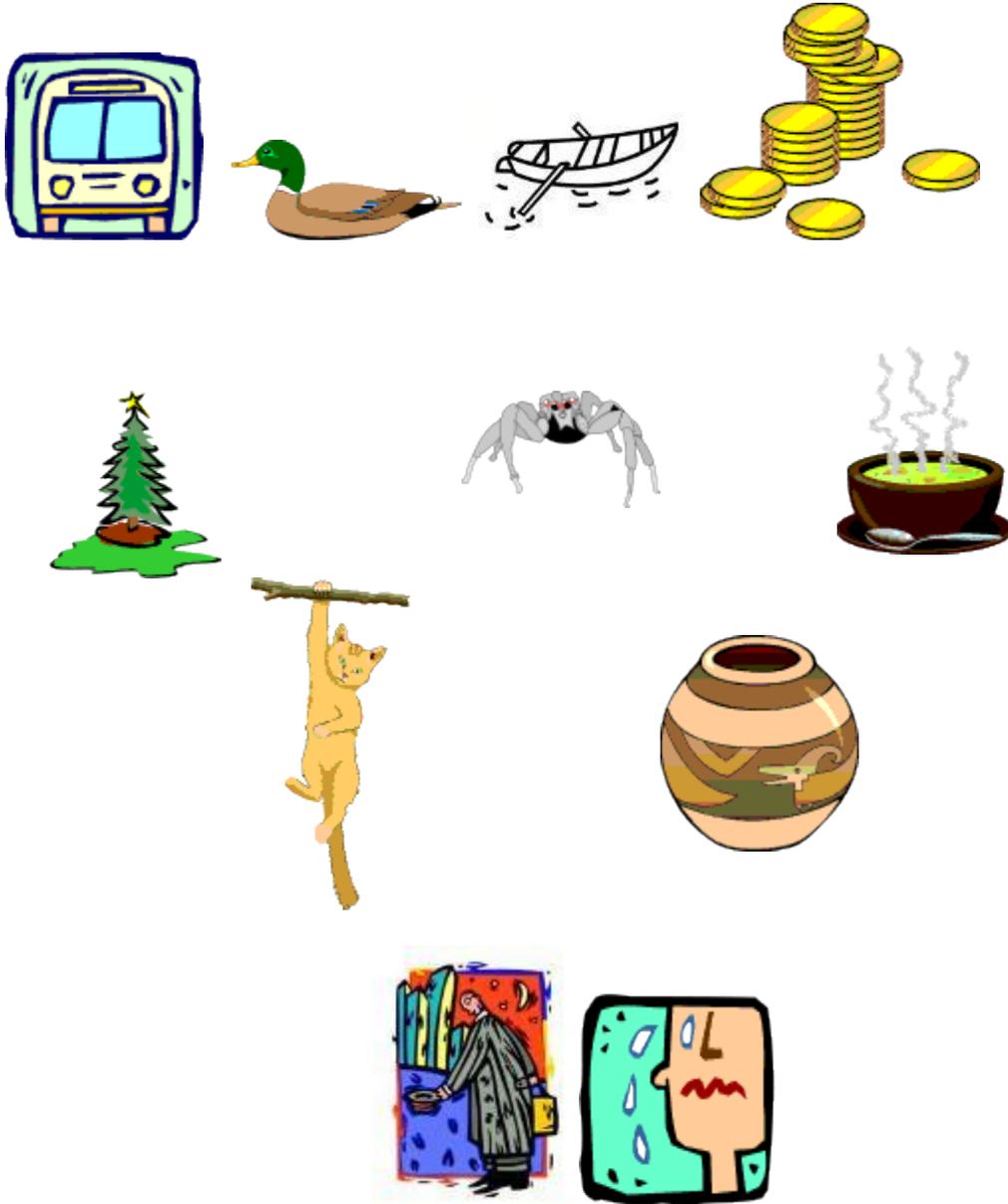


# BASIC READING



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## MEETING 2

### BLUE WHALE AND DOLPHINS

**Blue Whale** The blue whale is the largest living animal to have ever lived on the planet Earth. Blue Whales are way larger than the largest dinosaur that ever lived. The largest Blue Whales can grow as large as 100 feet long, which is longer than three school buses put together! Even though blue whales are huge, they eat tiny creatures known as krill. Krill are tiny shrimp-like animals. The whale simply opens its mouth, fills it with krill and salt water, and filters the water out of plates in its mouth called baleen. The blue whale may eat over 8,000 pounds of krill in a single day!

- The Blue Whale is \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. larger than any animal that has ever lived on Earth.
  2. large, but smaller than some dinosaurs
  3. large, but smaller than a school bus
  
- Which is NOT true?
  1. The blue whale is smaller than some elephants
  2. A blue whale can eat over 8,000 pounds of krill in a day
  3. A blue whale is larger than the largest dinosaurs
  
- A blue whale eats...
  1. big fish
  2. small creatures called krill
  3. sharks
  
- What happens to the salt water that the blue whale gulps?
  1. It swallows the water
  2. It turns it to fresh water
  3. It filters the water out
  
- A Blue Whale can grow as long as \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

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#### BLUE WHALE AND DOLPHINS

**Dolphins** Dolphins are marine mammals that are related to whales and porpoises. A marine mammal is one that lives in the water. Dolphins are found all over the world's oceans as well as in rivers and marshes. Dolphins are carnivores (meat-eaters) and feed on fish, squid and other marine life. They often swim together in groups called "pods." They are thought to have powerful eyesight and hearing, but do not have a sense of smell. Dolphins come in different sizes. Some are smaller than the average person, but others, such as the Orca, can be 30 feet long, or more than five times as long as the average person. Dolphins are thought to be very intelligent and communicate with each other using clicks and whistles. All dolphins are powerful swimmers. Have you ever seen a dolphin? Groups of dolphins can often be seen bobbing in and out of waves close to the shoreline.

1. Marine mammals live \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. on land
  2. in the desert
  3. in the water
  4. in the forest
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are most closely related to the dolphin.
  1. Cats
  2. Sharks
  3. Whales
  4. Squid
3. Dolphins do not \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. communicate
  2. have a sense of smell
  3. have good hearing
  4. have good eyesight
4. Which of the following would a dolphin probably not eat?
  1. squid
  2. marine life
  3. fish
  4. plants
5. An Orca is \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. a little bit larger than an average person.
  2. about the same size as an average person.
  3. smaller than an average person.
  4. much larger than an average person.

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### MEETING 3

#### REDWOOD TREES AND SPIDERS

**Redwood Trees** The magnificent Redwood trees are some of the largest trees in the world! They are found mostly in northern California where cool temperatures, misty rains, and dense fog allow them to grow. Redwood Trees can live thousands of years. The oldest of these trees can grow to over 300 feet tall. Some rise higher than the Statue of Liberty! A few are so wide, that roads can be built through them. Redwoods trees are preserved in California's Redwood National Park. Every year, nearly a million visitors come to see the giant trees. Others just like to drive along the 33-mile long Avenue of the Giants, a road that winds through the park and surrounding areas.

1. The author seems...
  1. to not know that much about the trees
  2. to think Redwoods can grow anywhere
  3. impressed with the Redwood trees
  4. bored by the Redwood trees
2. Redwood trees grow...
  1. where it is icy cold
  2. everywhere in the United States
  3. where it is hot and dry
  4. where it is cool and misty
3. Redwood trees can...
  1. stop growing at 100 feet tall
  2. live about as long as a person
  3. live without water
  4. live a very long time
4. How many people come to Redwood National Park?
  1. no one knows
  2. almost a million
  3. a few
  4. a couple of hundred
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Redwood Trees can grow to over 300 feet tall.
  1. No
  2. One or two
  3. Old
  4. All

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#### REDWOOD TREES AND SPIDERS

**Spiders** Did you know that spiders are not insects? They are actually called arachnids, a group of animals related to insects that have eight legs and that have venom. There are many different kinds of spiders. They live all over the world and can be found in just about every habitat. Most like dark places, which may include your home, closets, or basement!

Spiders are very interesting. Some spin silk webs to catch and eat prey, while others attack their prey. Some spiders, like tarantulas, are large enough to eat lizards and mice! Many people are afraid of spiders because they bite. Most spiders, however, will only bite if they think they are danger and most are harmless. Spiders are actually helpful to people because many eat insect pests like cockroaches and mosquitoes.

1. Spiders have \_\_\_\_\_ legs.
  1. the passage doesn't say
  2. four
  3. eight
  4. six
2. Which is NOT true about spiders?
  1. Some spiders attack their prey.
  2. Spiders are actually helpful to people.
  3. All spiders are dangerous.
  4. Spiders like dark places.
3. Spiders are....
  1. tarantulas
  2. all harmful
  3. related to insects
  4. insects
4. Why are spiders helpful to people?
  1. Some eat insect pests.
  2. They have eight legs.
  3. They live all over the world.
  4. Some eat lizards.
5. Which question is NOT answered in the passage?
  1. Where would I find a spider?
  2. What do spiders eat?
  3. How long do spiders live?
  4. How many legs do spiders have?