



Reader 1: _____ Date: _____

Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

- 1 **mammals** – warm-blooded animals with a backbone; females produce milk to feed their young.
Mammals such as cows, dogs, and horses feed their babies with milk their bodies make.
- 2 **aquatic** – living in water.
Starfish are one of many aquatic creatures.
- 3 **communicate** – to share information.
Talking and emailing are ways people communicate with each other.

trouble
scales
ocean

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Sea Mammals

READER 1

Sea animals come in all shapes and sizes. Most people think of fish when they think of aquatic animals. There are many other kinds of sea animals, too. Some of them are mammals. Whales, seals, and dolphins are three kinds of sea mammals.

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Fish and sea mammals are different in many ways. Fish are covered in scales, while mammals have no scales. Fish can stay underwater because they breathe through gills. Mammals may hold their breath for a very long time, but they must come up for air.

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81
88

READER 2

Fish are cold-blooded, but mammals are warm-blooded. Sea mammals can stay warm in cold water. Whales, seals, and dolphins have thick fat on their bodies. This fat keeps them warm enough to live in very cold water. They would die from the cold without this fat.

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111
125
134



Fish lay eggs, but sea mammals are born live. Whales, dolphins, and seals 147
 feed milk to their young. They care for their young for many months. They 161
 teach them how to hunt for food and how to stay safe. 173

READER 3

Whales, seals, and dolphins use sound to communicate with their young. 184
 Whales sing songs to their young. Seals bark in a way that sounds a lot like 200
 dogs. Dolphins click to their young. 206

Whales, seals, and dolphins are friendly animals. If they feel safe, they do 219
 not hurt people. Dolphins sometimes save people in the ocean who are 231
 in trouble. They may pull these people back to land. They may also save 245
 people from sharks. 248

Humans can watch sea mammals in many settings. Sea mammals 258
 sometimes put on shows for people. Seals perform tricks and dolphins put 270
 on shows at many water parks. People can even swim with dolphins in 283
 some places. Many people go on boat trips to watch whales. People are 296
 thrilled when they see whales jump or blow water into the air. 308

		Reader 2		Reader 3	
Calculation Boxes	Reader 1	Number of Words at Bracket			
		Subtract: Number of Words at Subhead	-88		-173
		Equals: Number of Words Attempted			
		Subtract: Number of Errors	-		-
		Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)			
		Accuracy Percentage		%	%



Mark It!

1 a r t i s t

2 s t a r v i n g

3 c o r n m e a l

4 f o r g a v e

5 a p a r t

6 o r b i t

7 c a r t w h e e l

8 p i t c h f o r k

9 b a c k y a r d

10 s t a r t e d

11 t h o r n y

12 t a r g e t

Read It!

1 artist

2 thorny

3 backyard

4 forgave

5 target

6 pitchfork

7 started

8 apart

cornmeal

pitchfork

orbit

cartwheel

thorny

artist

starving

forgave

target

apart

starving

started

cornmeal

backyard

cartwheel

orbit



Which Syllable Is Which?

Write each syllable in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

CHALLENGING

1 re•mark

2 for•give•ness

3 re•port

4 in•form

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	re			mark

MORE CHALLENGING

5 north•west

6 ar•cade

7 char•coal

8 de•part•ment

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MOST CHALLENGING

9 re•gard•less

10 or•ga•nize

11 ar•ti•choke

12 or•na•ment

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CHALLENGING

- 1 when the acorn falls from the tree (7)
- 2 embark on a boat in the darkness (7)
- 3 had a boring horse ride in a rainstorm (8)
- 4 spark a chat with my smartest classmate (7)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 cannot deprive a starving shark of meat (7)
- 6 find a normal meat market north of here (8)
- 7 quickly need a new passport to fly to Norway (9)
- 8 will have to clean the artichoke green carpet (8)

CHALLENGING

- 1 We will march in protest of the unfair potato embargo. (10)
- 2 Glenda started to do a cartwheel in the carnival yard. (10)
- 3 Dora will scorch her short organza dress if she gets distracted. (11)
- 4 I cannot wait to travel from snowy New York to sunny Florida this weekend! (14)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Some armadillos live in the marshes, or wetlands, of the United States. (12)
- 6 Martha has artistic talent that will make her the star harpist at the park festival. (15)
- 7 Quick, fetch Mister Davenport a plastic fork from the hotdog cart across from Markus Park. (15)
- 8 The harsh wind made Barlow think a scarf was needed for his trip to the harvest festival. (17)



WORDS

1. Read each word.
2. Underline words that do not have any r-controlled vowels.
3. Draw a box around the words that have three syllables.
4. Circle the word that has two r-controlled vowels.

target	backyard	afraid
smartest	popcorn	formula
trombone	horses	garden
Oregon	harvested	pardon
cornstarch	parking	erase

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

- 1 Find the word for something you can ride. _____
- 2 Find the word that means the same as "most intelligent."

- 3 Find 3 words that are locations.

- 4 Find the word that is something you aim for. _____