

Why the Whales Came

Read *Why the Whales Came* again (page 34).

A Underline the wrong words in each sentence. Write the correct words.

- 1 Daniel said they had to keep away from the coast. _____
- 2 They had to head away from Gweal. _____
- 3 Within an hour, they admitted they were lost. _____
- 4 They sat beside each other, cold and talkative. _____
- 5 Daniel wanted to give up and go to sleep. _____

B Underline the correct definition.

- 1 If something is **astern**, it is:
a in front of you? **b** behind you?
- 2 If water is **seething**, is it:
a bubbling? **b** calm?
- 3 If something **loomed**, did it:
a appear? **b** disappear?
- 4 If something is **obscured**, is it:
a in view? **b** hidden?
- 5 Is the **onset** of something:
a the beginning? **b** the end?
- 6 If a sound is **muffled**, is it:
a very loud? **b** very quiet?



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A Think about what may happen next in the story.



Remember!

Daniel and the narrator are trying to row home. At first, it is foggy. Then it grows dark. They are cold and tired and lost.

1 You must first decide:

Tick one.

- Do Daniel and the narrator get rescued? _____
- Do they get to shore without help? _____

2 Make notes. Things to think about:

Rescued:

No help:

Who rescues them?

How do they know which way to row?
What do they see / hear?

How are the rescuers travelling?

How do they realise they are rowing in the right direction?

How long does it take for the rescuers to find them?

How long does it take to row to the shore?

3 Use these ideas and your own ideas to write the end of the story. Include:

- a description of the situation
- direct speech
- what the characters do
- what the characters feel

