

# ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

## American Farm School

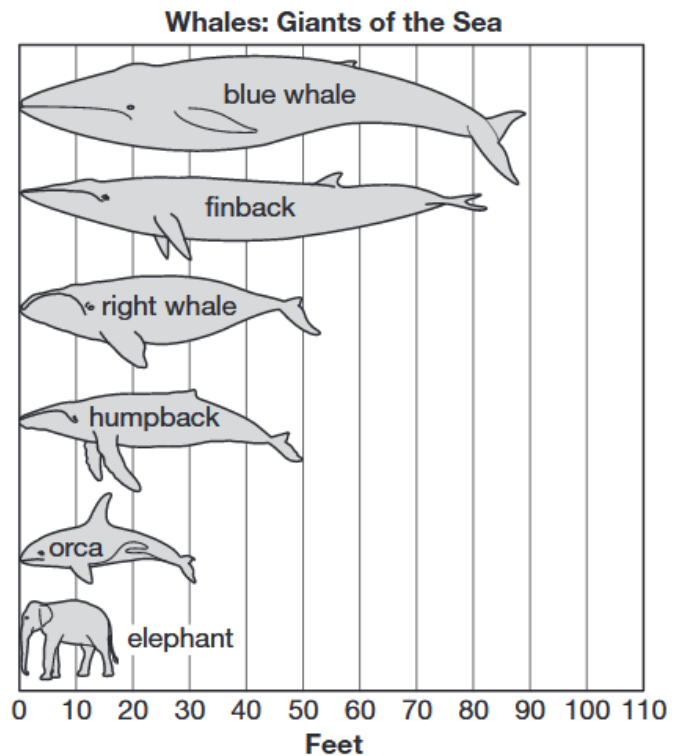
### PART I: Reading

#### Humpbacks

While humpbacks are not the largest whales, they are much larger than the biggest land animals. In some ways, humpbacks are more like land animals than like fish. For example, they do not lay eggs, as most fish does. Like land animals, whales do not breathe air that is mixed with water. They must come to the water's surface to get air through a blowhole.

The humpback, which is larger than a school bus, has other interesting characteristics as well. It has a large tail fin called a fluke. Each whale has different markings on its fluke. Scientists use these markings to identify whales. They can tell one whale from another by the fluke. In this way, the fluke is like a human fingerprint. Humpback whales are known for their underwater songs, which can last for up to twenty minutes. Scientists have recorded these songs, but they are not sure what the songs mean. Perhaps the whales are trying to attract other whales. Perhaps they are warning enemies to stay away.

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**1. Based on the passage, which statement about the humpbacks' song is true?**

- a. Humpbacks sing to pass time underwater.
- b. It is likely that songs help humpbacks locate food.
- c. It is not clear why the humpbacks sing.

**2. What does the chart show?**

- a. Humpback whales are known for their underwater songs
- b. While humpbacks are not the largest whales, they are much larger than the biggest land animals.
- c. Like land animals, whales do not breathe air that is mixed with water.

**3. Pick the most appropriate expression to replace the underlined part of the sentence: “... they do not lay eggs, as most fish does.”**

- a. do
- b. does
- c. make

**4. The “blowhole”...**

- a. ... is blue
- b. ... is used as a weapon
- c. ... helps humpwhales breathe

**5. Pick the most appropriate tag question for: “It has a large tail fin,...”**

- a.... don't it?
- b. ... doesn't it?
- c. ... won't it?

**6. Pick the phrase that has the same meaning as “it can last for up to twenty minutes”:**

- a. it takes twenty minutes at the most
- b. it takes at least twenty minutes
- c. It never takes twenty minutes

## Dunkirk Dave. Buckeye Chuck. Queen Charlotte.

What do these three odd names have in common? They all belong to furry animals that can maybe see the future. And what are those furry animals? They're groundhogs!

Every year on February 2, all across America, a variety of groundhogs wake up. They go outside, and they check the weather. They check if they can see their shadows. According to tradition, if it is a sunny day, the groundhog "sees its shadow." If it is a cloudy day, it does not.



February is part of the winter season, and in a lot of the country, it is cold! If the groundhog sees its shadow, legend has it that winter will last at least six more weeks. But if it does not see its shadow, maybe, just maybe, spring will come early!

[Readworks.org]

### 1. What happens every year on February 2nd across America?

- a. A variety of groundhogs wake up and go outside. They check the weather. They always see their shadows.
- b. A variety of groundhogs wake up and go outside. They check the weather. They check if they can see their shadows.
- c. A variety of groundhogs wake up and go outside. They check the weather. They never see their shadows.

### 2. What does the text describe?

- a. A fun, American tradition for predicting the weather
- b. Scientific ways people use to predict the start of warmer weather
- c. How groundhogs live and find food

### 3. Write T for True and F for False next to the sentences.

- a. Groundhogs can see the future \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If it's a sunny day, groundhogs can see their shadows \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Spring will come early if the groundhog sees its shadow \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Groundhogs wake up on the same day, every year \_\_\_\_\_

## Colors

Artists use color to create patterns. Color can also show different moods. Bright colors make us feel happy and energetic. Dark colors make us feel calm or sad.



The primary colors are red, yellow, and blue. They are the colors that can be mixed together to make different colors. Mixing two primary colors makes a secondary color. The secondary colors are orange, green, and violet (purple). Orange is made by mixing yellow and red. Green is made by mixing yellow and blue. Violet is made by mixing red and blue. Intermediate colors can be made by mixing a primary and a secondary color together. Some intermediate colors are blue violet and red orange.

Black, white, and gray are special colors. They are called neutral colors. Colors have been organized into a color wheel. It shows the three primary colors, the three secondary colors, and the six intermediate colors. Artists use the color wheel. It helps them know which colors they want to use together.

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### 1. Write T for True and F for False next to the sentences.

- a. If you mix two secondary colors you make a primary color \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Yellow is a primary color \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Dark colors make us feel energetic \_\_\_\_\_
- d. If we mix red and blue, we make an intermediate color \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Artists use the color wheel to learn about colors \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Only black and white are special colors \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Choose an appropriate title for the passage

- a. How to mix colors
- b. Colors show mood
- c. How to be an artist

**PART II: Writing****1. Write about your best friend in 60-80 words. Include the following:**

Par1: Who you are telling us about and how long you have known him/her.

Par2: Describe his/her appearance and character.

Par3: What you like about him/her and what you do together.

Par4: Why he/she is your best friend.

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2. Look at the postcard below and read the Top Tips for Writing.



**Top Tips for writing**

1. Start your postcard: Dear + name.
2. Use the present continuous to say you're enjoying the holiday.
3. Use the present perfect to say what you have done.
4. Use going to for your future plans.
5. A good way to finish a postcard.
6. Finish your postcard: Love + your name. xx are kisses!

Now write a postcard to your friend Ben (50-70 words)

Start with: Dear Ben...

Use the Top Tips for Writing to help you.

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