

Writing Strategies and Applications Practice

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Below is a paragraph about orca whales that contains some errors. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

- (1) Orca whales are more commonly known as killer whales. (2) They live in all of the oceans in the world, especially in cooler waters near the polar regions. (3) They do not stay in one location. (4) Instead, they migrate depending on where food is at. (5) You may not know it, but orcas are part of the dolphin family. (6) They have a cone-shaped head with 10 to 12 curved teeth on each side of there jaw. (7) Their strong jaw muscles help them catch their prey. (8) Unlike dolphins, orcas are black and white in color. (9) This helps them to camouflage in dark waters. (10) Orcas travel in groups called pods. (11) They usually stay together for their entire life. (12) They eat a lot of different things like birds, penguins, seals, fish, turtles and other whales. (13) I think orca whales are the best type of whale out there.

1) The pronoun "it" in Sentence 3 refers to what?

- a. oceans
- b. orca whales
- c. polar
- d. water

2) Based on the context clues, the word *migrate* in Sentence 4 ...

- a. They nest
- b. hunt
- c. orbit
- d. to travel from place to place

3) Where should Sentence 12 be moved?

- a. Before Sentence 2
- b. After Sentence 3
- c. Before Sentence 8
- d. After Sentence 5

4) What is the best way to rewrite the underlined word in Sentence 6?

- a. their
- b. they're
- c. there's
- d. Leave as is

5) Which sentence in this paragraph should be deleted?

- a. Sentence 3
- b. Sentence 6
- c. Sentence 12
- d. Sentence 13

6) What would a good title for this paragraph be?

- a. Dolphins and Orcas
- b. All types of Whale
- c. All About Orcas
- d. All About Dolphins