

Reading Comprehension.

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1. What newsworthy event was the reporter writing about in these two articles?

- a. Seven whales died mysteriously.
- b. The Navy was conducting sonar testing.
- c. Research shows that whales are sensitive to sound. (1)**
- d. Scientists are performing tests on dead whales.

2. Most readers might infer from the first article that

- a. the whales died of natural causes.
- b. Navy sonar tests were probably responsible for the whales' deaths.(1)**
- c. these whales are on the endangered species list.
- d. the Navy is not responsible for the death of the whales.

3. In the last sentence of the first article, what does the word necropsies mean?

- a. written reports provided to government agencies
- b. medical examinations to determine cause of death (1)**
- c. X rays of vital organs
- d. underwater studies conducted on marine animals and plants

4. Which of the following statements is NOT presented as a fact in either article?

- a. Navy sonar tests caused the death of the whales. (2)**
- b. Seven whales died in the Bahamas.
- c. Whales are sensitive to sound.
- d. Some of the whales examined had damage to their inner ears.

5. Do you think the Navy tests were responsible for the whales' deaths? Use information from the two articles to support your opinion.

some scientists think that tests being conducted by the U.S. Navy in the area might be the cause of the whale's strange behavior. The ships were using sonar to detect submarines. Whales are highly sensitive to sound, and very loud noises created by the sonar tests could have disoriented the whales and even caused ear damage.

6. What might be different about these two articles if the reporter was writing them for a team of marine biologists?

If these two articles were written for marine biologists. It would probably give details about the environment where the whales were found dead, and it would give details about samples from the ocean.

Commented [1]: Excellent work!