

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

a. Seven whales died mysteriously.

Sounds produced by naval sonars may have resulted in 16 whales to shore and “seven of the whales have died” because of it. (2)

2. Most readers might infer from the first article that

b. Navy sonar tests were probably responsible for the whales’ deaths.

Scientists believe that ships “using sonar to detect submarines” were responsible for the whales’ strange behavior. (3)

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

b. medical examinations to determine cause of death

Scientists plan on conducting “necropsies” on some of the whales to find what caused their death. (7)

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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.

Scientists “think” that the whales’ strange behavior was the response to the navy sonar. (3)

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

Navy sonar tests may have caused the death of the whales. The article states that “the whales were healthy and free from disease” (11)

**Commented [2]:** You need to explain your textual evidence in terms of how it supports your claim.

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

The reporter would provide more facts and studies on marine animal life if the articles were written for marine biologists. The article states, “We hope to build upon what we will learn . . . to ensure that it does not happen again anywhere in the world.” (11)

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