Find the Question for “A Whale of an Ocean” (Grades 2-3)

Use this activity to engage students and to promote comprehension and recall of the article “A Whale of an Ocean.” Here’s how to incorporate Find the Question into your classroom:

- Have students read the article. This can be a read-aloud, small group activity, or independent reading.
- Explain the procedure. Assign partners if you want students to work in pairs (pairs must stay together during the entire activity). Have students number a paper 1-9.
- Post the question/answer pages around the classroom or playground.
- Students circulate, reading answers and trying to locate the corresponding question. When they find a match, they write the question’s letter next to the answer’s number. The activity is over when they have matched all questions and answers. Note: Some students will finish more quickly than others. You may want to have another activity to keep early finishers busy while the remaining students are working.

Find text-only, color book, and electronic book versions of “A Whale of an Ocean” at:

Answer Key
1. C
2. G
3. D
4. J
5. A
6. H
7. F
8. B
9. K
1
As much as twenty elephants

A
What is a food chain?
2
The Southern Ocean

B
What makes plankton grow?
3
People hunting them for their blubber

C
How much do blue whales weigh?
Blue whales

D What wiped out the blue whales living off Antarctica?
5
Something that shows what eats each other

F
What do krill eat?
Which ocean is just right for plankton, krill, and blue whales?
7
Plankton

H
What do blue whales eat?
Sunlight in the summer, cold water, and nutrients

K
How do blue whales eat?
Instead of teeth, they have flexible bristles. When they take a big drink the krill get trapped in their mouths.

J
What are the largest animals on Earth?