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Level 0

Number of blue whales increasing

10th September, 2014

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have good news. There are 2,200 blue whales in the eastern Pacific Ocean, between Mexico and Alaska. A hundred years ago, there was nearly zero. In 1971, people stopped whaling. Forty years later, the whales are back. Dr Cole Monnahan was very happy. He said: "For us, this is a great conservation success story."

Dr Monnahan said the number of blue whales might go above 2,200. He said that the whales still need our help. We must keep checking them so they do not die. He added that the increase in the number of blue whales was because of "careful management and conservation".

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/science/2014/09/08/study-california-blue-whale-population-rebounds-from-whaling/>
<http://www.calacademy.org/sciencetoday/californias-blue-whale-population-rebounding/5516878/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Scientists have | a. zero |
| 2. the eastern | b. years ago |
| 3. A hundred | c. are back |
| 4. there was nearly | d. good news |
| 5. In 1971, people | e. later |
| 6. Forty years | f. story |
| 7. the whales | g. Pacific Ocean |
| 8. a great conservation success | h. stopped whaling |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the number of | a. not die |
| 2. might go | b. of blue whales |
| 3. the whales still need | c. blue whales |
| 4. We must keep | d. and conservation |
| 5. ...so they do | e. checking them |
| 6. the increase in the number | f. above 2,200 |
| 7. careful management | g. our help |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____. There are 2,200 blue whales (2) _____ Pacific Ocean, between Mexico and Alaska. A hundred years ago, there (3) _____. In 1971, people stopped whaling. Forty years later, the (4) _____. Dr Cole Monnahan was very happy. He said: "For us, (5) _____ conservation (6) _____."

Dr Monnahan said (7) _____ blue whales might (8) _____. He said that the whales (9) _____. We must keep (10) _____ they do not die. He added that the increase (11) _____ blue whales was because of "(12) _____ and conservation".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

