

Seal and Orca

Poor Seal had a hurt flipper. She could not swim or find food. All she 15
 could do was lie on the rocks. She napped in the sun and tried not to 31
 think about her empty belly. Suddenly an orca whale rose from the sea. 44
 “Little seal,” said the great whale, “You are my next snack.” Seal was 57
 trapped. “Look at my hurt flipper. I have not eaten in days. I am just 72
 skin and bones. If I were a little fatter I would make you a yummy meal.” 88
 Orca thought about this. The seal could not swim away. If he spent a 102
 few days feeding her she would be a fine dinner. The whale swam away. 116
 When he came back he tossed some fish to Seal. She gobbled up the 130
 catch. Orca kept hunting and bringing fish to Seal. On the sixth day he 144
 said, “I have eaten nothing while waiting for you to get nice and juicy. 158
 Now I feast!” Seal looked at Orca. “But you forgot something 169
 important,” she said. “While you were feeding me and getting weaker, I 181
 was getting stronger. Now my flipper is better and I am rested and 194
 well-fed. You will never catch me.” With a splash, seal sped through 207
 the water like a bullet and Orca was left with a grumbling tummy. 220

	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

To express a text well, to read it with feeling that matches what it means, is one of the best ways to understand it. In order to match the proper expression to each word or phrase, you have to understand both the meaning of the words and the grammar of each sentence. Expression is such a powerful comprehension strategy because it instantly increases your access to meaning as you read.

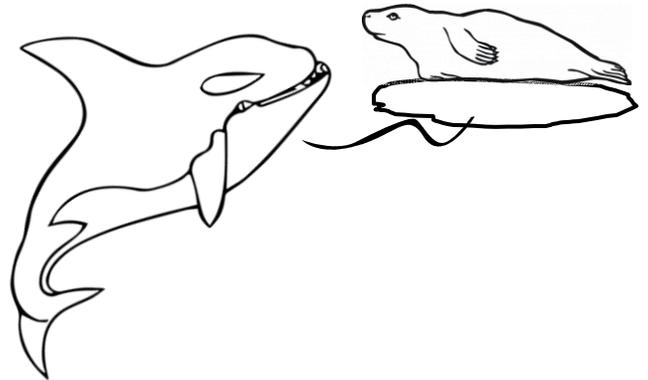
-- Steve Peha, *What Can You Say About a Book?*

1. At the beginning of the story, why couldn't Seal swim?

- She was tired.
- She was lazy.
- She was hurt.

2. How did Seal get away from Orca?

- She swam fast.
- She hid in the rocks.
- She chased him away.



3. Why did Orca bring fish to Seal?

- Because he was nice and knew Seal was hurt.
- Because he wanted her to be a good meal.
- Because whales are better at fishing than seals.

4. How is this story like the one about Sheep, Wolf, and Hare that you read last week?