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Introduction

Each book in the *Power Practice*[™] series contains dozens of ready-to-use activity pages to provide students with skill practice. Use the fun activities to supplement and enhance what you are already teaching in your classroom. Give an activity page to students as independent class work, or send the pages home as homework to reinforce skills taught in class. An answer key is provided for quick reference.

Nonfiction Reading Comprehension 1–2 features grade-level nonfiction reading selections and follow-up activities. The activities include using context clues, summarizing, vocabulary development, using graphic organizers, making inferences, using prior knowledge to make personal connections, structural patterns, questioning, main idea, factual recall, comparing and contrasting, cause and effect, and main idea.

In the first half of the book, each passage and follow-up activity appear on one page. The latter half of the book contains longer passages. These passages are on one page and two separate follow-up activities accompany each passage.

Use the ready-to-go activities to “recharge” skill review and give students the power to succeed!

All About Whales

What do you know about whales?

All whales are **mammals**, just like us! They have hair and they are warm-blooded. They breathe air into their lungs through a small hole called a blowhole.

Whales swim many miles each year. They often move in groups called **pods**.

Did you know that whales can also sing? Whales make a whistling sound that can sound like a song. Some whales can be heard from miles away.

Whales are very interesting animals!



Read each sentence. Circle the word or words that make the sentence true.

- 1 Whales are mammals with _____.
hair
a shell
- 2 Whales often swim in groups called _____.
pods
herds
- 3 Whales breathe air into _____.
lungs
gills
- 4 All whales are _____.
cold-blooded
warm-blooded

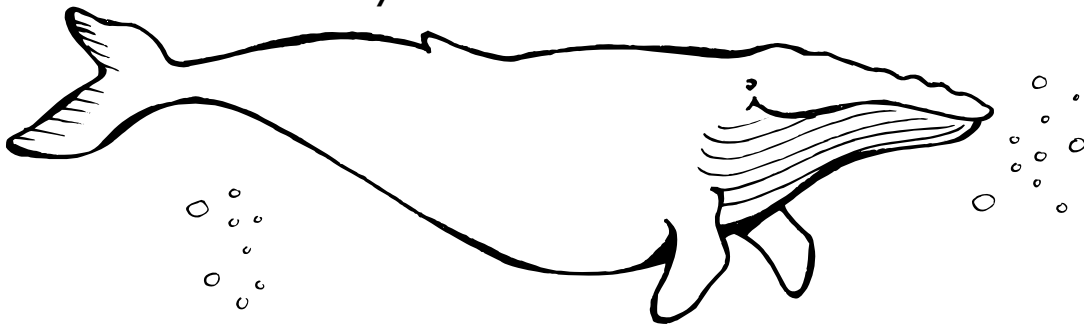
Whale Facts

There are many different kinds of whales. The biggest whale is the blue whale. It can grow to be almost 100 feet long. That is as long as three school buses! The blue whale is the largest animal on Earth.

The humpback whale is smaller than the blue whale. It grows to be about 50 feet long. Humpback whales love to swim. They like to jump out of the water. They get their name from the way they move their back when they dive.

The killer whale, or **orca**, is even smaller than the humpback whale. It grows to be about 30 feet long. Orcas are mostly black with some white spots. Orcas eat different kinds of fish. They will even attack and eat young whales!

Different kinds of whales have many things in common. Each kind of whale is also very different.



Compare the three kinds of whales. Write one fact that you learned about each whale in the boxes.

Blue Whale

Humpback Whale

Killer Whale

Fun in the Water

Whales move in the water in different ways. They may be playing or looking around. They may be warning other whales about something.

Have you ever seen a picture of a whale flipping out of the water? When whales jump high out of the water, it is called **breaching**.

Whales poke their head out of the water and turn around. This is called **spyhopping**.

Some whales stick their tail out of the water. They might slap it on the water and make a loud sound. This is called **lobtailing**.

Whales are interesting to watch!

What does a whale look like when it is breaching, spyhopping, or lobtailing? Draw a picture of each activity.

Spyhopping

Breaching

Lobtailing

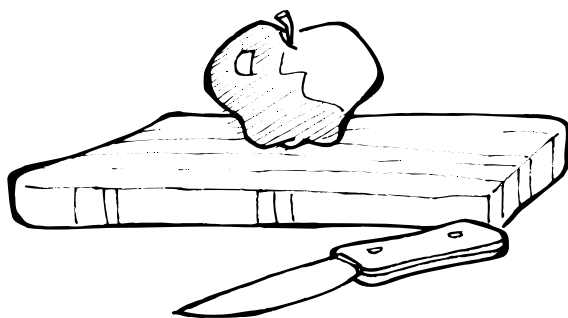
Make a Snack

Fruit is good for you! How do you make a fruit salad?

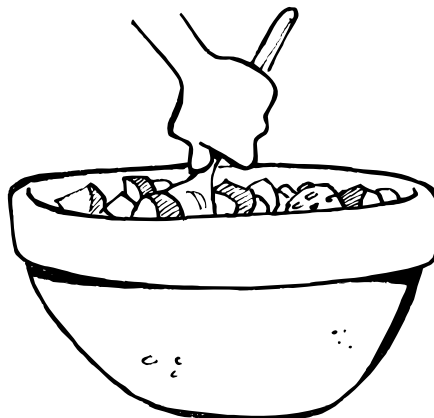
First, wash the fruit so it is clean. Then, peel the fruit if you need to. Some fruit, such as an apple, has a skin that you can eat. Next, cut the fruit into small pieces. Ask an adult to help you use a knife. Finally, mix the fruit together in a bowl. Eat and enjoy your treat!

How do you make a fruit salad? Put the steps in order. Number them from 1 to 4.

_____ Cut the fruit.



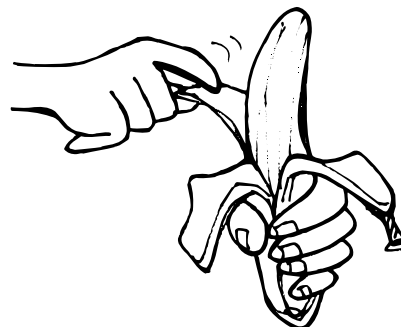
_____ Mix the fruit.



_____ Wash the fruit.



_____ Peel the fruit.

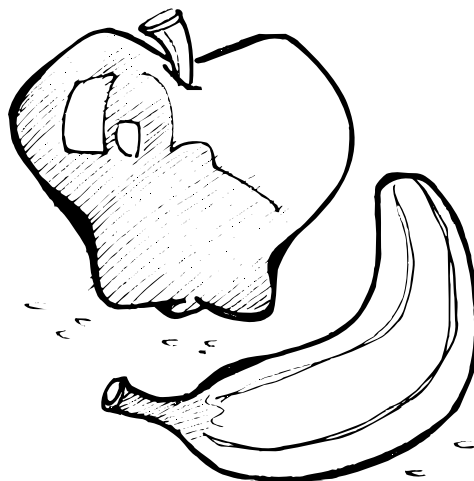


Healthy Foods

It is important to eat good foods every day. Good foods keep your body healthy. Fruits, like apples and bananas, are healthy foods. Fruits have vitamins and minerals that your body needs to grow.

Vegetables are also good to eat. Vegetables have vitamins and minerals that your body needs. What kind of vegetables do you eat every day?

Your health is very important. It is smart to take care of your body—no matter how old you are!



Draw pictures of the healthy foods you like to eat.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for the student to draw pictures of healthy foods they like to eat.

From Farm to Home

How do we get the food we eat? Have you thought about how food gets to your table?

Much of our food comes from farms. Some farmers grow food, like apples and corn. Other farmers take care of cows that give us milk and cheese. Chickens live on farms and give us eggs and meat.

Trucks, ships, and planes help move food from farms to stores. We buy our food in the store. The food we eat may come from far away.

Look at your lunch or dinner. Where do you think your food came from?



Draw pictures to show how food gets from the farm to your home.

