

Lesson Plan

Matching Definitions

Book: *Whale Migration*

Series: Animal Migrations

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students match a vocabulary word to its definition.

Supplies

- *Whale Migration* book
- Matching Definitions worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print out a copy of the Matching Definitions worksheet for each student. Read through *Whale Migration* as a class, or assign it to students to read on their own.

Activity

Pass out the Matching Definitions worksheets. Ask students to match each word with its definition. If students need help, they can look back at the glossary in the *Whale Migration* book.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of class. Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, for a total of up to 10 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.4).

Matching Definitions

Write the letter of the matching definition in the blank.

arctic _____

A: an imaginary line that runs around the middle of Earth

polar _____

B: animals that are hunted and eaten by other animals

molt _____

C: an animal that has hair and produces milk for its young

equator _____

D: to move from one region to another

calf _____

E: stiff, hair-like parts that look like brushes

prey _____

F: animals that hunt other animals for food

mammal _____

G: to lose an outer layer of skin so that a new layer can grow

predators _____

H: having to do with areas near the North Pole or South Pole

bristles _____

I: a baby or young whale

migrate _____

J: the most northern part of Earth

Matching Definitions **ANSWER KEY**

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