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1 Which TWO reasons does Ishmael give for joining a whaling ship?

- a** He goes to sea when he gets worried about life.
- b** He enjoys working as a cook on ships.
- c** He is interested in whales and where they live.

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2 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

Now, having to spend a night, a day, and another night in New Bedford before I could take the ship

to Nantucket, I realized that I needed ¹ _____ to eat and sleep. It was a dark night,

- a** anywhere
- b** somewhere
- c** nowhere
- d** anywhere

freezing cold and miserable. I knew no one in the town, and I only had a ² _____ coins in my

- a** some
- b** little
- c** any
- d** few

pocket, so I set out to find somewhere cheap to sleep. After ³ _____ several lively looking

- a** passing
- b** pass
- c** passed
- d** had passed

inns, which looked far too expensive for me, I found, not far from the docks, The Spouter Inn.

The inn was a little wooden house, standing on a cold corner where the wind ⁴ _____ .

- a** whistled
- b** whistling
- c** whistler
- d** whistle

A faded wooden sign showed the inn's name, and beneath it ⁵

- a wrote
- b written
- c was written
- d write

the landlord's name,

Peter Coffin. Many people have the surname 'Coffin' in this part of the country, but it seemed ominous

to me to be named after a box you're put in after you die. ⁶

- a However
- b Consequently
- c Therefore
- d Furthermore

, the inn looked old and

poor and I thought that here was the perfect, cheap place for me to stay.

As I went through the entrance, I noticed that the inside of the inn was very dark. Gradually, I realized

that a huge dark shape on one wall was a picture of a whaling ship with ⁷

- a break
- b broken
- c broke
- d breaking

masts in a sea

with waves as high as mountains. An enormous whale ⁸

- a had been jumping
- b will have jumped
- c would have jumped
- d had jumped

right out of the

water and was about to land on the masts.

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3 Tick the four true things about the harpooner, Queequeg.

- 1 His face and body were covered in tattoos.
- 2 He had long hair.
- 3 He was an ugly man with an unfriendly face.
- 4 He liked to smoke a pipe.
- 5 He shaved himself with a small knife.
- 6 He was used to eating socially with strangers.
- 7 He was probably once a cannibal.
- 8 He didn't believe in praying.

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4 Match the two parts of the sentences. Draw lines between them.

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| <p>1 I told him that I wanted to become a whaler too,</p> <p>2 I was delighted to hear this because not only did I like this man,</p> <p>3 When we left the inn, Peter Coffin was still amused</p> <p>4 This is because as soon as one dangerous voyage has ended,</p> <p>5 I thought how much more I prefer to be on the sea than on land,</p> <p>6 They could not believe that a white man</p> | <p>a and I could tell that Queequeg felt the same.</p> <p>b and a black man could be friends.</p> <p>c but also he was an experienced harpooneer.</p> <p>d by the way he had frightened me with his stories about Queequeg.</p> <p>e and I intended to sail out of Nantucket.</p> <p>f another one must start, and another, and another, for ever and ever.</p> |
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5 Read the questions. Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d).

- 1 What does Queequeg do to the man making faces at him?
 - a He throws a harpoon at him.
 - b He tells the captain about him.
 - c He throws the man in the air.
 - d He shares his tomahawk pipe with him.
- 2 What happens to the young man afterwards?
 - a The wind blows him overboard.
 - b He's knocked into the sea.
 - c He's hit by the torn sail.
 - d He rushes to the bow to avoid the boom.
- 3 Which ocean is Nantucket island in?
 - a the Pacific
 - b the Indian
 - c the Arctic
 - d the Atlantic

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6 Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Ishmael says that all whalers sleep with their harpoons.
- 2 Queequeg refuses to give his harpoon to Mrs. Hussey.
- 3 Queequeg's god, Yojo, doesn't always give good advice.
- 4 The *Pequod* has bulwarks made from the teeth of a blue whale.
- 5 Whalers don't get paid; they get a share of the money from the oil they sell.
- 6 The voyage is expected to last around three years.

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7 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a–j) below. There are two extra answers.

- Ishmael: Are you the captain of the *Pequod*?
- Old Seaman: ¹
- Ishmael: I'm thinking of signing on as part of the crew.
- Old Seaman: ²
- Ishmael: No, sir, I never have.
- Old Seaman: ³
- Ishmael: Nothing, sir, but I'm sure I can soon learn. I've been a sailor on merchant ships—
- Old Seaman: ⁴
- Ishmael: I want to see the world. I want to see what whaling is.
- Old Seaman: ⁵
- Ishmael: Who is Captain Ahab, sir?
- Old Seaman: ⁶
- Ishmael: I'm sorry, sir, I thought I was speaking to the captain.
- Old Seaman: ⁷
- Ishmael: What do you mean, sir? Was he attacked by a whale?"
- Old Seaman: ⁸

- a** Attacked by a whale! Yes, he was! His leg was eaten by the most enormous whale that a whaler could ever see!
- b** He's the best harpooner in all of Nantucket!
- c** You are speaking to Captain Peleg, part owner of the *Pequod* with Captain Bildad. But as I was going to say, if you want to know about whaling, you should see Captain Ahab. When you do, you will find out he has only one leg.
- d** If I am, what do you want of me?
- e** Ha! Want to see what whaling is, do you? Have you seen Captain Ahab?
- f** You are, are you? You are not a Nantucketer, I can see that. Have you ever been in a stove boat—a boat that has been hit and turned over by a whale?
- g** Grab that bucket, then, and clean the deck before we set sail!
- h** Do you know anything about whaling?
- i** Merchant ships! Do not talk about them to me! But why do you want to go whaling? Tell me that before I think of taking you on board.
- j** Captain Ahab is the captain of this ship.

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8 How does Ishmael feel about the voyage and Captain Ahab by the end of Chapter Four?

- a** He doesn't know what to feel—they are both a mystery to him.
- b** He feels there is something ominous about both of them.
- c** He feels confident in both the captain and the voyage.

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9 Who said these words? Write C (Captain Peleg), I (Ishmael) or Q (Queequeg).

- 1 “You did not tell me your friend was a cannibal from the South Seas.”
- 2 “What I know is that Queequeg has been a member of the First Church since he was born.”
- 3 “Captain, you see small wood on water. Suppose it eye of whale! Watch!”
- 4 “Come on board, young man, and bring your friend.”
- 5 “Now, suppose it whale eye—well, whale dead now.”

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10 Correct the sentences.

- 1 Captain Peleg bought the things that were needed for the ship.

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- 2 The possibility of having an accident on a whaling ship is smaller than on a merchant ship.

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- 3 The two captains say that Ahab is getting worse each day.

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- 4 Starbuck is a rigger on the ship.

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11 Put the information about the first mates into the correct column.

a Nantucketer	always had a pipe in his mouth	brave and wise
doesn't care about the whales he hunts	friendly and fearless	likes to whistle in the whaleboat
short, strong, and red-faced	tall, thin, and handsome	trusted by his crew

Starbuck	Stubb	Flask

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12 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.

One morning, Ahab came up on deck ¹ after breakfast. This was not unusual, but all that day he kept walking around and around the deck, the noise of his whalebone leg ² a regular sound as he walked, then turned at the same places. Sometimes he disappeared into his cabin, but then he would start walking again, deep in ³ Then suddenly, at the end of the day, he shouted, “Mr. Starbuck, send everybody to me!”

“Yes, sir!” said the mate, looking ⁴ because this was an extraordinary order.

When the whole crew was in front of Ahab, looking at the captain and wondering why he had called them together, he started to speak.

“What do you do when you see a whale, men?” he said.

“Sing out!” cried the crew.

“Good!” cried Ahab, looking pleased with their answer to this ⁵ question. “And what do you do next, men?” he cried a little ⁶

“Lower the boats into the water! Row after it!” they shouted.

Ahab looked more and more wildly happy as he heard the men’s shouts, while the men started to look at each other, wondering why they were so excited. But they became more and more excited as Ahab continued.

“Look, all of you! Look at this gold coin!” he cried, holding up a large gold coin so it shone in the sunlight. He shouted to the first mate. “Mr. Starbuck, give me a hammer.”

Then, ⁷ the hammer from Starbuck, he went to a mast, still holding the gold coin high in the air. “The first man who sings out when he sees the white whale shall have this coin!” he cried, and he hammered the coin to the mast. “It is a white whale with a ⁸ forehead and a bent jaw,” he added.

- SHORT
- MAKE
- THINK
- AMAZE
- EXPECT
- WILD
- TAKE
- WRINKLE

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13 Complete the sentences. Unscramble the words in brackets.

1 I heard a strange story from a seaman who had been on _____ (w h a t c) the previous night.

2 Then we heard the sound of movement as if people were turning over in their _____ (h o s m a m c k).

3 It was possible that the crew might _____ (u t i y m n) if they thought they were not going to earn any money.

4 They knew they would still get a good payment at the end of the _____ (a g v o e y).

- 5 There were other boats in the hold in case they were needed, because sometimes boats were _____ (d e c k e w r) during whale hunts.
- 6 His harpoon was attached to the line, the long piece of rope which was _____ (c i e l o d) into a wide wooden barrel in the middle of the boat.

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14 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

Soon we had other things to think ¹..... as we reached the Cape of Good Hope at the far south of Africa, and had to sail the *Pequod* through the huge, stormy seas the cape is famous for. Each man tied ²..... to the ship with a rope so that he could move around the deck without ³..... carried into the sea by the enormous waves. We did not often speak as the ship rushed on through those wild seas. Ahab would stand for hours looking out to sea, sometimes with rain running down his face, and even half-melted snow on his eyelashes. I could tell that he ⁴..... always about Moby Dick.

⁵..... we were south-east of the Cape, in the hunting-ground for right whales, I was the lookout on one of the mastheads one day when I saw a ship in the distance. As she came closer to us, I, a seaman new to whaling, saw for the first time a whaling ship which ⁶..... on its voyage for four years. The ship was called the Albatross, and she was from Nantucket. She was ⁷..... hunting for whales so there was enough oil to take home. The wood was white as if the ship was a skeleton, the rigging was covered with frost and the lookouts on the mastheads had long rough beards. As she sailed past us slowly, the six men on the mastheads of the two ships were so close to each other that we could almost ⁸..... across to the other ship.

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| 1 a ahead | b about | c over | d through |
| 2 a themselves | b itself | c herself | d himself |
| 3 a being | b be | c are | d is |
| 4 a had been thinking | b had thought | c was thinking | d has thought |
| 5 a Where | b When | c While | d Once |
| 6 a has been | b being | c was | d had been |
| 7 a still | b already | c yet | d just |
| 8 a has jumped | b have jumped | c jumped | d had jumped |

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15 Answer the questions about Chapter Ten.

- 1 What do the whalers see that “few whalers have ever seen”?
- 2 What makes the faces of the seamen seem red?
- 3 What are the “try-works”?

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- 16 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1 As they rowed further and further away, it became hard to see them.

DISTANCE

It was difficult to see them as they

2 While Stubb and Flask were tying the whale to the *Pequod*, I heard them talking.

SIDE

Stubb and Flask were talking while they tied the whale
of the *Pequod*.

3 The next ship which we met was the *Jungfrau*, a German ship whose home port was Bremen.

CALLED

A German ship from Bremen,,
was the next ship we met.

4 There was no oil left on his ship to light the lamps.

RUN OUT

His ship, so they couldn't light their lamps.

5 The *Pequod* would escape the pirates who were only driving him faster toward the whales and to Moby Dick.

MANAGED

Ahab and the *Pequod* the pirates as
they headed for Moby Dick.

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- 17 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–g) on the next page. There is one extra sentence.**

The first time Pip went out with Stubb in the whaleboat, it was clear that the boy was very nervous.

¹..... On Pip's second hunt, a whale which had been harpooned hit the bottom of the boat just under where poor Pip was sitting. ²..... The harpoon line was across his chest when he jumped, and it was pulled tightly round his body and neck as the whale began to swim away. Tashtego held his knife over the line and looked toward Stubb, asking the question, "Shall I cut it?"

"Yes, cut it!" shouted Stubb angrily. ³.....

As soon as the poor little boy was back in the boat, the crew started shouting at him. ⁴.....

"Whatever happens, never jump out of the boat," he said. "If you do it again, I will leave you in the sea to drown. ⁵....."

But poor Pip *did* do it again. And this time Stubb left him in the sea. ⁶..... But the men in those boats had seen whales ahead, and did not see Pip, so in a few minutes the little boy was alone in the huge ocean, with no land in any direction.

- a So the whale was lost and Pip was saved.
- b By then, Pip had begun to act very strangely.
- c Nothing went wrong, but Stubb, noticing how nervous Pip was, told him that he must be brave.
- d We can't afford to lose whales because of you.
- e When the crew had finished shouting, Stubb gave him some advice.
- f Terrified, the boy jumped out of the boat.
- g In fact, Stubb knew that the *Pequod's* other boats were following his boat, and he expected one of them to rescue the boy.

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18 Put the events in the correct order (1–7).

- a The crew killed four whales over the next few days.
- b The *Pequod* met the *Bachelor* in the Pacific Ocean.
- c Queequeg suddenly became ill.
- d Queequeg said he was ready to hunt whales again.
- e Ahab told Fedallah about his dream of dying.
- f Starbuck told Ahab that oil was leaking from some of the barrels.
- g Queequeg asked for a coffin to be made in the shape of a boat.

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19 Unscramble the sentences.

1 the equator. / It was / of the / on / the beginning / whaling season

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2 the world, / In that / weather / with it / terrible storms. / bright, hot / part of / brings

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3 ghostly light. / could / men / seen / be / looking / in that / All the / upward

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4 the rigging / would / But Ahab / not / Starbuck / let / touch / the anchors. / or lift

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20 Starbuck is becoming more and more annoyed with Captain Ahab's obsession with Moby Dick. What does he think about doing at the end of Chapter Fourteen?

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21 Complete the text. Use one word for each gap.

The next day, the *Pequod* met the *Rachel*, another Nantucket whaling ship ¹ captain, Captain Gardner, was well known to Ahab. The *Rachel* sailed quickly toward us, taking all the wind from the *Pequod's* sails, so ² Ahab had to stop.

“Bad news. She brings bad news,” I heard one of the old sailors say, as the captain of the *Rachel* jumped ³ his boat and was rowed quickly toward the *Pequod*.

“Have you seen the white ⁴ ?” shouted Ahab.

“Yes. Yesterday. Have you seen a whaleboat?” came the reply.

Ahab's face was suddenly full of joy, but when Captain Gardner climbed on board the *Pequod*, all of us could see from his pale face that something was ⁵ He told us how three of his boat had ⁶ chasing a group of whales. Those boats had been led a ⁷ miles away from the *Rachel* when the enormous white head of Moby Dick suddenly rose up from the blue water very near to the ship. Captain Gardner ordered another boat to be lowered from the *Rachel* to chase Moby Dick. He had then seen the crew of the fourth boat harpoon the white whale, and mountains of white water fly up into the air, but he saw nothing more.

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22 Match the questions with the answers. Draw lines between them.

1 Why does Captain Gardner want to find the fourth boat?

2 How does Captain Gardner try to appeal to Ahab?

3 Where does Ahab spend most of his time after the *Rachel* leaves?

4 When did Ahab harpoon his first whale?

5 What does Starbuck want to do?

a Forty years ago, when he was eighteen years old.

b On deck, walking or standing still.

c He wants to go back to Nantucket.

d Because his twelve-year-old son is on it.

e He says he would do the same for Ahab's son.

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23 Change the direct speech into reported speech.

1 Ahab: “A whale is near. I can smell it.”

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2 Ahab to the lookout: “What do you see?”

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3 Ahab: "None of you saw the white whale before I did."

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4 Starbuck: "He can't have seen the ship yet."

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5 Ahab: "Have we lost any men?"

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24 Complete the text. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

Everyone ¹..... (**slide**) down the rigging as quickly as possible, and the boats ²..... (**lower**). As if to terrify the crews, Moby Dick now came directly toward the boats. He ³..... (**rush**) among them with his jaws open and his tail moving wildly from side to side, not noticing the harpoons and lances thrown at him from every boat. The steersmen ⁴..... (**manage**) to keep their boats out of his jaws, but as the whale crossed and re-crossed the water between the boats, the harpoon lines that ⁵..... (**attach**) to his body became tied tightly together around him. The boats ⁶..... (**pull**) toward Moby Dick's huge mouth! There was only one thing that could be ⁷..... (**do**). Ahab got hold of the knife and quickly cut through the lines. But it was too late. Just before he ⁸..... (**be**) free of them, Moby Dick, with a sudden rush, pulled the lines tight so that the boats of Stubb and Flask crashed together, and both crews fell into the water.

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25 Choose the correct verbs.

- 1 He **would / could** often stop and look up to a masthead, crying, "What do you see?"
- 2 The wind **had been blowing / had blew** the *Pequod* onward.
- 3 Then, as suddenly as he **had been appearing / had appeared**, Moby Dick fell back into the water again, leaving the sea looking like milk around his body.
- 4 While Daggoo and Tashtego **will have tried / were trying** to repair their boats, the whale swam away from them and then turned and swam back.
- 5 When a whale **has been hunted / is being hunted** it sometimes does not notice a whaleboat which is very close to it.

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26 Write *yes* or *no*.

- 1 The whalers manage to kill Moby Dick.
- 2 Ishmael is saved by Queequeg's coffin.
- 3 Ishmael is the only survivor.

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27 Complete the sentences with *so* or *such*.

- 1 I would rather share his bed than wander around a strange town on a freezing cold night.
- 2 I am not a coward, but I felt afraid of the strange man, afraid that I could not speak to him.
- 3 He looked cold and hard it was as if he was made of metal.
- 4 All of us on deck rushed to the rigging and climbed up to see the famous whale which we had been hunting for long.
- 5 He lay helpless on the bottom of the boat, making awful cries that I cannot describe them.
- 6 Oil from sperm whales is very valuable, which is why the *Pequod* had sailed all this way, and experienced danger.

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28 Complete the sentences with the *past perfect continuous* or the *past perfect passive* form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The first reason that I didn't like Queequeg's plan was that I (**trust**) him, with all his experience of whaling, to choose the right ship.
- 2 Ahab's whalebone leg (**broke**) off, leaving only a sharp end that was too short to stand on.
- 3 The two stove boats (**pull**) up onto her deck.
- 4 I was surprised when Queequeg told me that he (**talk**) to Yojo.
- 5 No one knew better than Starbuck how many hundreds of whalers (**kill**), his father and brother among them.

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29 Read the definitions. Choose the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.

breached ominous pirates prey squid superstitious tomahawk pipe whirlpool

- 1 Making you think something bad will happen.
- 2 Moved up and broke through the water.
- 3 Believing that if you see or do a particular thing, then something bad or good will happen.
- 4 An area of water that moves very quickly in circles and pulls things down into its center.
- 5 The animal that you, or an animal, are trying to catch.
- 6 People who attack ships at sea and steal things from them.

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30 Complete the sentences with the words from question 29.

- 1 Many sailors are about seals who can look very like men, with their round eyes and intelligent faces.
- 2 Moby Dick then dove down, leaving a wild of water with the wrecked boats going round and round in it.
- 3 The arms of the squid moved in all directions as if they were snakes searching for
- 4 The white whale in the way sperm whales do, coming up from deep in the sea and jumping upward at a huge speed.
- 5 The strange calm felt, as if terrible events were coming.
- 6 And it was in the Straits of Sunda that often attacked passing ships, and demanded money before they allowed the ships to go further.

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