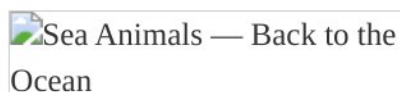




Sea Animals — Back to the Ocean



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Some sea **animals** used to live in a small **tank** instead of the big **ocean**. People built these tanks so visitors could see **animals** like whales, dolphins, and seals up close. But some of these animals later went back to their real **home** — the open **ocean**.

In 2002, a baby orca named Springer was found all **alone** near Seattle. She was far from her **family** and looked very **sick**. Kind people put her on a **boat** and gave her food and care. Then they took her back to her **family's** waters, and she swam **free** again.

Keiko was a famous orca. He was the star of a movie called Free Willy. For many years, Keiko lived in a **tank** far from the sea. In 2002, people set him **free** near Iceland. But Keiko liked to visit boats and people, so he never found a new **family** in the wild.

Dolphins and seals get **help**, too. When one of these animals is hurt or **sick**, animal doctors take care of it. When the animal is strong again, workers put it back in the **ocean** so it can **swim free**.

Not everyone agrees about keeping ocean animals in a **tank**. Some people think tanks **help** sick animals get better. Other people think every ocean animal should always be **free**. What do you think?

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. ocean ____ | a. to do something useful for someone |
| 2. tank ____ | b. the place where a person or animal lives |
| 3. alone ____ | c. not kept in one place; able to go anywhere |
| 4. family ____ | d. to move through water using your body |
| 5. sick ____ | e. a group of animals or people who are related |
| 6. boat ____ | f. a small vehicle that can move on water |
| 7. home ____ | g. a large area of salt water |
| 8. free ____ | h. a large container that holds water |
| 9. swim ____ | i. without anyone else near you |

10. help ____ j. not well; feeling ill



B. True or False

1. Some sea animals used to live in a tank instead of the ocean. ____
2. Springer was a baby orca. ____
3. Springer was found happy and healthy, right next to her family. ____
4. People took Springer back to her family's waters. ____
5. Keiko was the star of a movie called Free Willy. ____
6. Keiko lived his whole life in the ocean and never lived in a tank. ____
7. After Keiko was set free, he never visited people or boats again. ____
8. Dolphins and seals can also get help when they are sick. ____
9. Everyone agrees that ocean animals should always live in a tank. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: tank, alone, free, help, swim

1. Springer was found all _____ near Seattle, far from her family.
2. Keiko lived in a _____ for many years before he was set free.
3. When a sick dolphin gets _____ from animal doctors, it can get strong again.
4. After Springer went back to her family, she was able to _____ free again.
5. Some people think every ocean animal should always be _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why did some sea animals used to live in a tank?
2. What happened to Springer in 2002?
3. What movie did Keiko star in, and what happened after he was set free?
4. How do animal doctors help sick dolphins and seals?
5. What is one reason people disagree about keeping ocean animals in a tank?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Do you think it is right to keep ocean animals like orcas and dolphins in a tank? Why or why not?
2. If you helped a sick sea animal get better, how would that make you feel?
3. Would you rather see an orca in the wild ocean or in a tank? Why?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-i, 4-e, 5-j, 6-f, 7-b, 8-c, 9-d, 10-a

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-alone, 2-tank, 3-help, 4-swim, 5-free

D. Comprehension:

1. Some sea animals used to live in a tank so that visitors could see whales, dolphins, and seals up close.
2. In 2002, a baby orca named Springer was found alone and sick near Seattle, far from her family; kind people helped her and took her back to her family's waters.
3. Keiko starred in the movie Free Willy; after he was set free near Iceland in 2002, he kept visiting boats and people instead of finding a new family in the wild.
4. Animal doctors take care of dolphins and seals when they are hurt or sick, and workers put them back in the ocean once they are strong again.
5. Some people think tanks help sick animals get better, while other people think every ocean animal should always be free.

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