

Whales: Songs from the Deep Vocabulary

A. Match the definitions:

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| 1. Marine     | a. special; one of a kind               |
| 2. Extinction | b. praise                               |
| 3. Theorize   | c. to share or give out                 |
| 4. Intellect  | d. religious songs                      |
| 5. Complex    | e. tradition handed down by ancestors   |
| 6. Dominance  | f. suffering                            |
| 7. Contends   | g. cruelty or extremely harsh treatment |
| 8. Contradict | h. troubles or misfortune               |

Word Pair Activity

1. My mother gave us each a piece of the cake. (portion/kept)
2. We had so much fun at Disneyland. (misery/happiness)
3. Many people have lost their jobs and their homes. (hardship/fortune)
4. All the boys wore the same wrestling shirt. (unique/common)
5. The church choir sang beautifully. (spirituals/hip hop)
6. The kindergarten girl slapped Michael around as if he was a rag doll. (brutality/kindness)
7. Gloria won many awards for her art (tribute/criticism)
8. The orphan didn't know anything about his family. (heritage/????)

True or False

1. Zorg **portioned** all the chocolates by keeping them all the chocolates for himself. True or false?
2. Margaret was in **misery** when both her parents died in a horrible accident. True or false?
3. Hal won a million dollars and all his **hardships** went away. True or false?
4. Each person in the world is **unique**. True or false?
5. The slaves sang **spirituals** to help lift their spirits. True or false?
6. It was not really considered **brutality** when the little girl hit Michael. True or false?
7. The police officer pays **tribute** to you by arresting you. True or false?
8. The grandson can give his grandfather **heritage**. True or false?

Complete the Sentences  
(You may need to change the verb tense.)

1. Cesar received a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ for his work in the community.
2. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ out the work so that everyone had an equal job.
3. The world was shocked by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Nazis.
4. The family kept a positive outlook despite all their \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sonia was interested learn more about her \_\_\_\_\_ from her grandmother.
6. The slaves endured great \_\_\_\_\_ at the hands of their masters.
7. The biologist discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ plant that no one has every seen before.
8. The slaves sang \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields.

Example/Non-Example  
(Circle the example.)

Portion

The teacher kept all the chocolate for himself.

The teacher gave each student a piece of chocolate.

Misery

Romeo suffered greatly from his breakup with Juliet.

Romeo was relieved after his breakup with Juliet.

Hardships

Everything went wrong for Telegram Sam.

Everything went right for Telegram Sam.

Unique

Sara wore the same dress as everyone else.

Sara wore a dress that no one else had.

Spirituals

The slaves sang religious songs.

The slaves sang heavy metal.

Brutality

Harvey beat his rabbit.

Harvey caressed his rabbit.

Tribute

The teacher told her students that they were the best class in the world.

The teacher told her students that they were the worst class in the world.

Heritage

Maria's family makes tamales for Christmas every year.

Maria's family does nothing special for Christmas.

Whales: Songs from the Deep Vocabulary Test  
(Circle the correct definition.)

- Portion
  - To keep
  - To share
  - To throw away
- Misery
  - Suffering
  - Cheapness
  - Happiness
- Hardships
  - Luck
  - Troubles
  - Games
- Unique
  - Boring
  - Ordinary
  - Special
- Spirituals
  - Religious songs
  - Rap songs
  - Love songs
- Brutality
  - Strength
  - Compassion
  - Cruelty
- Tribute
  - Criticism
  - Praise
  - Aid
- Heritage
  - An occupation
  - An expedition
  - A tradition