

Pacific Rim Whale Festival

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: Today we are talking about the Pacific Rim Whale Festival in British Columbia, Canada. The festival celebrates Pacific grey whales. Celebrate means to do something special for people, events, or animals. The festival celebrates the whales' migration in the spring. A migration is a long trip to a new place or home. The whales swim from Mexico to Alaska every spring. That is a long trip! People can see the whales on their way to Alaska. People in Canada also have a parade and different competitions during the whale festival. One competition is to see who makes the best chowder, a type of soup.

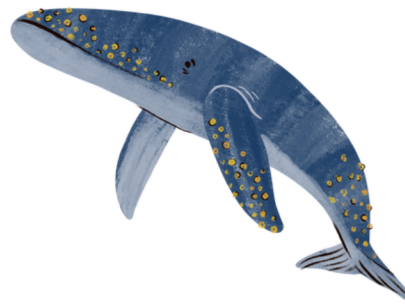
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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I have never swam that far.	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? What would you like to celebrate? What kind of soup is your favorite? What animal would you have a festival for?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about the Pacific Rim Whale Festival.	Tell me about migration.	Tell me what we learned about Pacific grey whales.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party for special whale trip. • See grey whales. • People dress up and have parade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long trip to new place. • Whales swim far. • Find new home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in ocean. • Make long trip each year. • Have white sea animal on them.