

## TEXT SUMMARY: *Whales* by Vic Moors

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*This summary is divided into the segments of the book that the teacher read aloud. She stopped at these places to think-aloud or to have the children turn and talk and record their thinking. She did not read the entire book, which is 26 pages long.*

| Page  | Heading                   | Summary  |
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| Cover |                           | The cover shows a whale leaping out of the ocean.  |
| 4     | Introduction              | The introduction explains that whales are huge with interesting facts, such as that a blue whale can weight almost as much as 20 school buses and its heart is as large as a small car.  |
| 5     | Types of Whales           | This section explains that there are two main groups of whales – toothed whales and baleen whales.   |
| 6     | --                        | The portion of text that the teacher read on this page tells that toothed whales eat “fish, squid, and other sea life,” and the largest ones also eat seals.   |
| 8     | --                        | This page describes baleen, and shows a picture with an inset diagram of the baleen that “hangs from their upper jaw.” It explains that the baleen filters “small fish and very small sea life from the ocean.”  |
| 13    | Characteristics of Whales | The caption under the photograph on this page reads, “Blowhole of a gray whale with barnacles.” The text explains that because they are mammals, whales need air to breathe, and do this not through their mouths, but “through a blowhole on the top of their heads.” |