

**Comprehension – Persuasive letter, Whales in Captivity (POSSIBLE ANSWERS)**

- 1) Find and copy **one word** that informs us of Sea Parks' purpose for keeping the killer whales.

**Entertaining**

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- 2) Up to how many miles can a killer whale swim per day?

75 miles

125 miles

**100 miles**

150 miles

- 3) Find and copy **one word** that shows what a whale is not born to do.

**Perform**

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- 4) **Draw** lines to match the following words to their definitions:

**captivity**

**To break something.**

**breaching**

Making someone feel embarrassed.

**restricting**

**Put a limit on.**

humiliating

**Being imprisoned or confined.**

- 5) List **three** arguments used by Jenny Pierce to persuade Sea Parks that keeping killer whales in captivity is wrong. **(ANY THREE)**

**Breaching animal rights**

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**Causing frustration and stress by restricting the whales to small inadequate spaces**

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**Cruelty of making whales perform daily for food**

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**Shortening the life span of whales by keeping them in captivity.**

6) Tick **one** box to complete this sentence.

*Whales living in captivity typically live ...*

happier lives.

**shorter lives.**

healthier lives.

7) Look at paragraph 3. How would Jenny Pierce feel if she was a whale at Sea Parks? Use **evidence** from the text to justify your answer.

1. I think she would be very frustrated because she would be taken away from her natural habitat.

2. She would be forced to live in a confined space that is not adequate for efficient movement; this will make her very uncomfortable.

3. She would be humiliated daily by working for her food and finally her life expectancy would be reduced and she may end up dying before her natural time.

8) *By keeping killer whales in captivity, Sea Parks are violating basic animal rights.*

Do you agree with this statement? Use **evidence** from the text to justify your answer.

Yes

No

Yes and no

**Answers may vary**

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9) If you were the owner of sea parks, how would you respond to this letter?

**Answers may vary**

