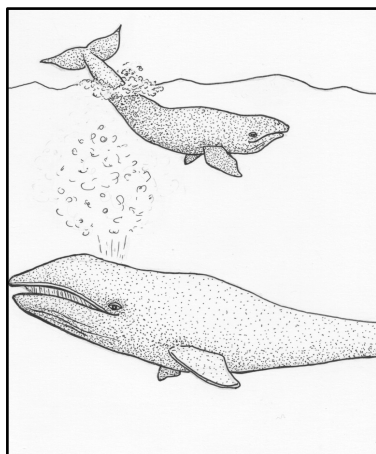


Gray Whales



Gray whales get much of their food from mud. Gray whales are big whales. But they eat little animals. The animals that gray whales eat live in the mud at the bottom of the sea. The gray whale scrapes along the bottom of the sea and drinks up the mud. The gray whale strains out the little sea animals and eats them. The gray whale eats lots and lots of little sea animals. The gray whale gains a lot of weight when it eats a lot of food. But the gray whale can go days without food.

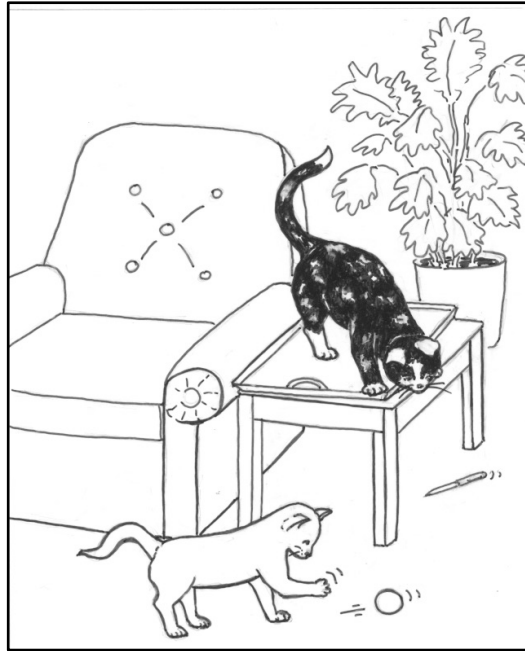
Gray whales take long trips. Gray whales swim night and day. Gray whales swim by moving their tails up and down.

Gray whales are big. Baby gray whales weigh as much as a car. By the time they are eight, gray whales weigh as much as a school bus or even two school buses.

Gray whales eat lots of little animals that live in the _____ at the bottom of the sea. The gray _____ drinks up mud. When it eats a lot, the gray whales gains a lot of _____. Gray whales take long _____, A gray whale swims by moving its _____ up and down.

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Why Cats Play



A gray cat runs after a ball and bats it. A black cat with white spots hops up onto a tray. A pen is on the tray. The cat bats the pen off the tray. The gray cat and the black cat are playing. Cats like to play. They like to run and jump. They like to play with string. They like to bat at balls and pens.

Why do cats play? They play for the fun of it. And they learn by playing. By running after a ball, a cat learns how to run after a rat that is running away. By batting at a pen, a cat learns how to bat a rat. Playing helps a cat get ready for catching rats.

Cats like to _____. They like to _____ after a ball.

They like to _____ at a ball or pen. Playing helps cats
_____ to run after a rat. Playing helps cats learn how to
_____ a rat.

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