



*Each check-box represents 1 point. Directions must be followed to earn points.
Teacher will use boxes to check off points.*

Format

- Name & period number are written at the top of the page
- Writing is neat and clearly legible
- Title is centered (top of page) and **unique**
- Final draft is on top, followed by the rough draft, KWO, **article on bottom**
- Article** is annotated with at least 2 types of markings throughout
- Sentences do not contain spelling or punctuation errors
- No banned words are used (go/went, come/came, say/said, get/got, see/look)

Dress-ups (highlight each in the final draft-with a highlighter!)

- Strong verb (no “be” verbs)
- ly adverb (adverb ending in ly)
- Quality adjective (more specific than “big” or “amazing”)
- www.asia clause** (choose 1: when, while, where, as, since, if, although)
- who/which clause

Sentence Openers (first word in sentence)

Write corresponding number in the margin, circle the number so it looks like: (1)

- (1) subject
- (2) prepositional (starts with a preposition)
- (3) -ly adverb (may not be same as dress-up)
- (4) very short sentence (2-5 words, no “be” verbs-must be STRONG)
- (5) -ing (word ending in “ing”)
- (6) clause (when, while, where, as, since, if, although, because)

Humpback Whales

Humpbacks are mammals. Among the one million species or families in the world, the humpback whale is one of the largest. While animals have been divided into six classes such as birds, reptiles and fish, the most complex are the mammals. Belonging to the mammals, the humpback is one of a related group of ten species called the baleen or great whales because they are the largest marine animals in the world. Absolutely the largest of the great whales are the blues which stretch to thirty meters and weight 140 tons. The humpback is the fourth largest species, the size of three elephants but only half the length and one third the weight of the blue whale. Humpbacks are huge animals.

KWO (below)

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1st per.

(1) Humpback whales are mammals. (2) In fact, out of 1 million mammal species, humpback are one of the largest in size. **While there are many types of** animals, those called mammals are the most **complex**. Humpbacks, **specifically**, **they belong to** the baleen family. One of its close relatives, the blue whale, **which** is the absolute largest mammal in the world, **tops** out at 140 tons. (3) **Surprisingly**, unlike their cousin, humpbacks are only the 4th largest mammal known to man. (4) **However, humpbacks still dwarf humans**. They are half the length of the blue whale and only one third of the weight. Nonetheless, humpbacks are one of the greatest mammals.

2nd per.

(?) Did you know humpback whales are **classified** as mammals? (2) In fact, out of 1 million identified species of animals, humpbacks are one of the largest mammals. Not **surprisingly**, mammals are the most **complex** of all classes of creatures found on earth. (5) **Belonging to the baleen family, humpbacks are considered "great whales."** (3) **Interestingly**, the absolute largest baleen and animal in the world is the great blue whale. (4) Blue whales weight 140 tons. **Although**, humpbacks are only the 4th largest. (1) They reach only 1/2 the length of blues and only 1/3 of their weight, **which is why humpbacks re only the 4th largest marine animal.** (6) **Although they are**, smaller in stature, there is no question that humpback whales **are** among the greatest of the world's creatures.

4th per.

(?) Did you know that humpbacks are also called mammals? (3) Surprisingly, out of 1 million known species, they are among the largest. (2) Out of all Earth's living creatures, mammals, **which includes humans**, are the most **complex**. Since humpbacks are a part of the baleen family, they are known as "great whales." (5) Topping out at 140 tons, great blue whale is **absolutely the** largest animal on earth. (4) Humpbacks rank 4th in size. This means, humpbacks are bigger than all but 3 other creatures on earth. **Since** blues **rank** first, humpbacks reach only 1/2 their length and 1/3 of the blue's weight. (6) **Although they are smaller than blues**, humpbacks are still huge mammals.

6h per.

(?) did you know the humpback whale is classified as a mammal? (2) In fact, out of 1 million **discovered** species, the humpback is one of the largest animals known to man. (1) Mammals, **which** includes humans, are the most **complex** of all classes of creatures. **As a member of** the 10 species baleen family, humpbacks are one of the “great whales.” (4) Blue whales rank largest. (5) Weighing 140 tons, they can reach 30 meters long. **Slightly** less in size, the humpback whale is the 4th largest marine animal. (3) **Surprisingly**, they reach only half the length and one third the weight of the great blue whale. **Although they are not the largest**, the humpback is still a huge mammal.