ABOUT THE BOOK
Emily has found a whale in her summer wading pool. She writes to her teacher (who replies) for information about whales.

INTRODUCING VOCABULARY: How many of these words can you use in one sentence to describe the cover of the book? Add other words as needed. Emily, whale, salt water, pleased, information, sincerely, spurt, forcibly, shrimp-like, creatures, goldfish, migratory, distances, disappoint, impossible.

BEFORE READING: Answer these questions about whales. Guess if you do not know. Find out by reading the story.
1. A whale is a big fish._______
2. Whales live in salt water.________
3. Whales are migratory._______
4. Whales travel long distances each day.____

AFTER READING: Discuss: Did Emily really have a whale in her wading pool? Why or why not?

CREATE A WHALE DATA BANK

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What It Does                  Looks Like
breathes air                  fish
does tricks                   large sea lion

Use the information from the data bank in one of these patterns:

A. Hey, kids, I have a whale for sale. It’s the handiest thing you will ever want to own because it can ____________ and ____________ and ____________. But the greatest thing about it is ____________.

B. IF I WERE PATTERN
Name the thing you want to be
Tell where it is found
Name one thing it can do for someone
Name a second thing it can do
Repeat the first line.
Example:
If I were a lobster
Snug in my hole on the ocean floor
I would crawl out and tell you good morning
And wave my claws at you
If I were a lobster.

WRITE A WHALE STORY
Some __________ have their own __________ where they _____________.
Sometimes they go around ____________ or sometimes they just _____________.
But to this very day, some ___________ have their own _____________.

ANOTHER WRITING PATTERN
(Use for whales or any other animal)
One __________ you are walking along the ___________. The __________ air surrounds you and changes you until you feel yourself growing ____________ and ____________.
You move into the __________ for you are a ____________, the color of _____________ with __________ all over. You are hungry so you seek __________ and are almost ready to catch your prey when a __________ appears.
Quickly you ____________ away and you hide ____________. You wait until the __________ leaves. Suddenly a big
picks you up and takes you to _____________.
You feel yourself changing and once again become the person that you are. You walk along the _____________
(doing what?) _____________.

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