Daring Rescue of Whale off Farallones

Cause and Effect



• What are two characteristics of a humpback whale?



• Who was the first diver in the water?



• What is the meaning of the word *massive* in this sentence?

-It was a very risky plan, because the mere flip of a humpback's *massive* tail

can kill a man.

 How much weight was hanging off of the whale?

— This is a simple question that requires

thought!



• "It was a very risky plan, Stoudt said, because the mere flip of a humpback's massive tail can kill a man."



- •What happens in this passage?
- •Why does it happen?

• The crab pot lines were so tight, Moskito said, that the rope was digging into the animal's blubber and leaving visible cuts.

• Cause?

• Effect?



• The combined weight was pulling the whale downward, forcing it to struggle terribly to keep its blow-hole out of the water.

• Cause?

• Effect?



• When the whale realized it was free, it began swimming around in circles, according to the rescuers.

• Cause?

• Effect?



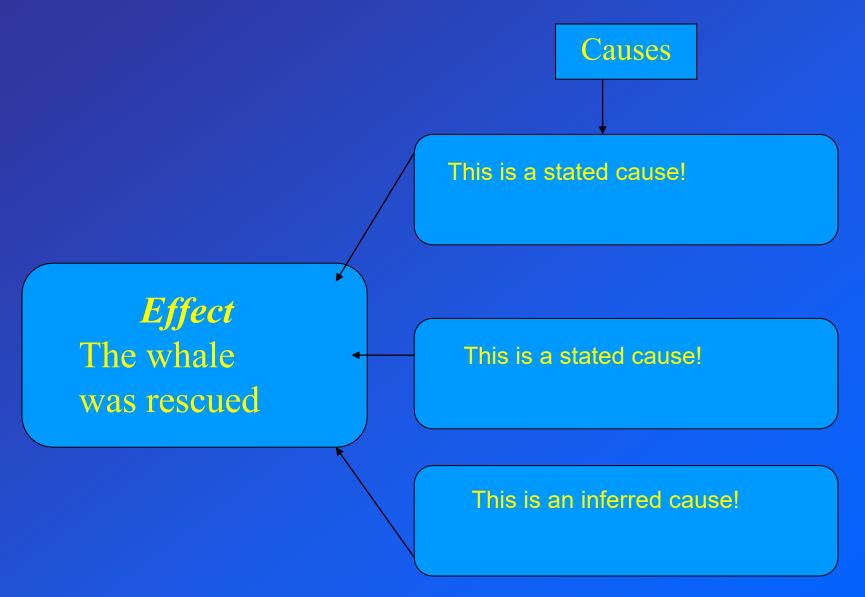
Infer the Cause or Effect

 Moskito said it swam to each diver, nuzzled him and then swam to the next one.

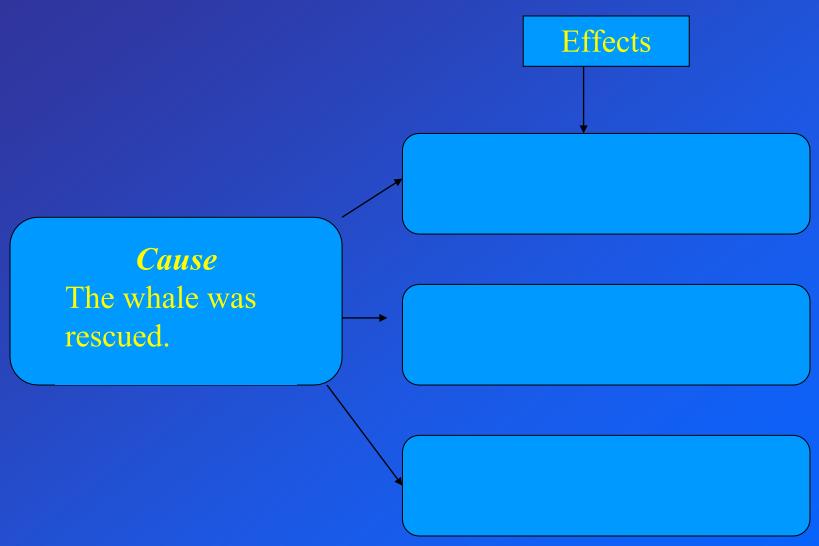
What inference can we make about why the whale nuzzled the divers?



Focus on Causes



Focus on Effects



Practice - Cause and Effect

• Explain why the team members realized they needed to dive into the water to save the endangered whale. Include **two** details from the selection in your answer.



Practice - Author's Purpose

The author's purpose for writing this selection may have been to inform. Provide **two** details from the selection to support this purpose.



Practice - Evaluate Reasoning

Is the following statement a reasonable conclusion that readers may draw from the selection?

Whales demonstrate human emotions._____

Provide **two** details from the selection to support your answer.