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## The Loneliest Creature On Earth

Here are the questions with answers. Pause the recording and speak out loud.

You don't have to be perfect. Just speak quickly and have fun.

Remember, if you want to improve your speaking, you have to speak a lot.



Imagine the loneliness of speaking a language that only you can understand. Researchers have been studying a whale, who communicates in a language not recognizable by other whales.

**What animal have researchers been studying? Researchers have been studying a whale. Does this whale communicate in a language not recognizable by other whales? Yes, this whale communicates in a language not recognizable by other whales.**

This whale has spent over two decades looking for a friend who will understand him.

**What is this whale looking for? This whale is looking for a friend who will understand him. How long has this whale been looking? This whale has been looking for over two decades. What has the whale been looking for? The whale has been looking for a friend who will understand him.**

Whales are renowned for their songs.

**What are whales renowned for? Whales are renowned for their songs.**

Often complex, sometimes simple, songs are their only method of communication.

**What are whales' only method of communication? Songs are whales' only method of communication.**

But this unique whale is so out of tune with other whales that no one can hear or understand it.

**Is this whale out of tune with humans? No, this whale isn't out of tune with humans. This whale is out of tune with other whales.**

A team of scientists has been listening to this whale for over two decades.

**How long have they been listening to this whale? They have been listening to this whale for over two decades. Who has been listening to this whale for over two decades? A team of scientists has been listening to this whale for over two decades.**

They believe it is a fin or a blue whale. Whatever the case, it has been calling in search of a mate for many a moon.



**What kind of whale is it? They believe it is a fin or a blue whale. Has it been searching for a mate for a short time? No, it hasn't been searching for a mate for a short time. It has been searching for a mate for many a moon.**

Its high-pitched song is so different from other whales that its calls for friendship continue to fall on deaf ears.

**What has been falling on deaf ears? The whale's calls for friendship have been falling on deaf ears.**

Researchers have nicknamed this creature 'the loneliest whale in the world.'

**What is the creature's nickname? The creature's nickname is 'the loneliest whale in the world.'**

His song was first discovered in the vastness of the North Pacific Ocean in 1989.

**What was first discovered in the vastness of the North Pacific Ocean? His song was first discovered in the vastness of the North Pacific Ocean. When was it discovered? It was discovered in 1989.**

While recording submarines, the US Navy accidentally picked up the unmistakable noise of whale songs.

**Was the US Navy looking for whales? No, the US navy wasn't looking for whales. It accidentally found the whales songs.**

Dr. William Watkins researched the sounds and noticed that one whale's song was completely different to the others.

**What did Dr. Watkins notice about one whale's song? Dr. Watkins noticed that one whale's song was completely different to the others.**

A male fin or blue whale communicates on a frequency, which is too deep for the human ear.

**Can humans hear the frequency of a male fin or blue whale? No, humans can't hear the frequency of a male fin or blue whale. It's too deep.**

This 'lonely' whale sings at a pitch, which is three times higher.

**Does this 'lonely' whale sing at a pitch, which is three times higher? Yes, this 'lonely' whale sings at a pitch, which is three times higher.**

Such an obscure song receives no response from other whales.

**What kind of song is it? It is an obscure song. Does it receive responses from other whales? No, it doesn't receive any response from other whales.**

Scientists are confused why a healthy creature doesn't change its tune and communicate in a regular pattern used by other whales.

**Are they confused why this healthy creature doesn't change its tune? Yes, they are confused why this healthy creature doesn't change its tune. Who is confused why this healthy creature doesn't change its tune? Scientists are confused why this healthy creature doesn't change its tune.**

Without a shared means of communication, we would all live an isolated existence.

**What kind of existence would we live? We would live an isolated existence.**

In such a world our deepest thoughts, feelings, experiences and beliefs would die a lonely death.

**Would our deepest thoughts, feelings, experiences and beliefs die a lonely death? Yes, our deepest thoughts, feelings, experiences and beliefs would die a lonely death.**

Our most treasured moments would be unexpressed, unshared, and unloved.

**What would be unexpressed, unshared, and unloved? Our most treasured moments would be unexpressed, unshared, and unloved.**

Yet is the whale lonely, or has it chosen to speak in a different language to the rest of its species out of choice?

May-Ann Daher, who researched the whale, is unsure.

**What did she research? She researched the whale. Is she unsure if the whale is lonely? Yes, she is unsure if the whale is lonely.**

She explained, "People like to imagine this creature out there swimming by his lonesome, just singing away and nobody's listening. But I can't say that."

**Who said "I can't say this"? May-Ann Daher said "I can't say this."**

No matter if he's alone or lonely, this solitary creature will continue to search the ocean for another whale who speaks the same language and shares the same song.

**Is it a solitary creature? Yes, it is a solitary creature. Will this solitary creature continue to search the ocean? Yes, this solitary creature will continue to search the ocean. Will it continue to search the ocean for a whale that speaks English? No, it won't continue to search the ocean for a whale who speaks English. It will continue to search the ocean for a whale who speaks the same language and shares the same song.**

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