



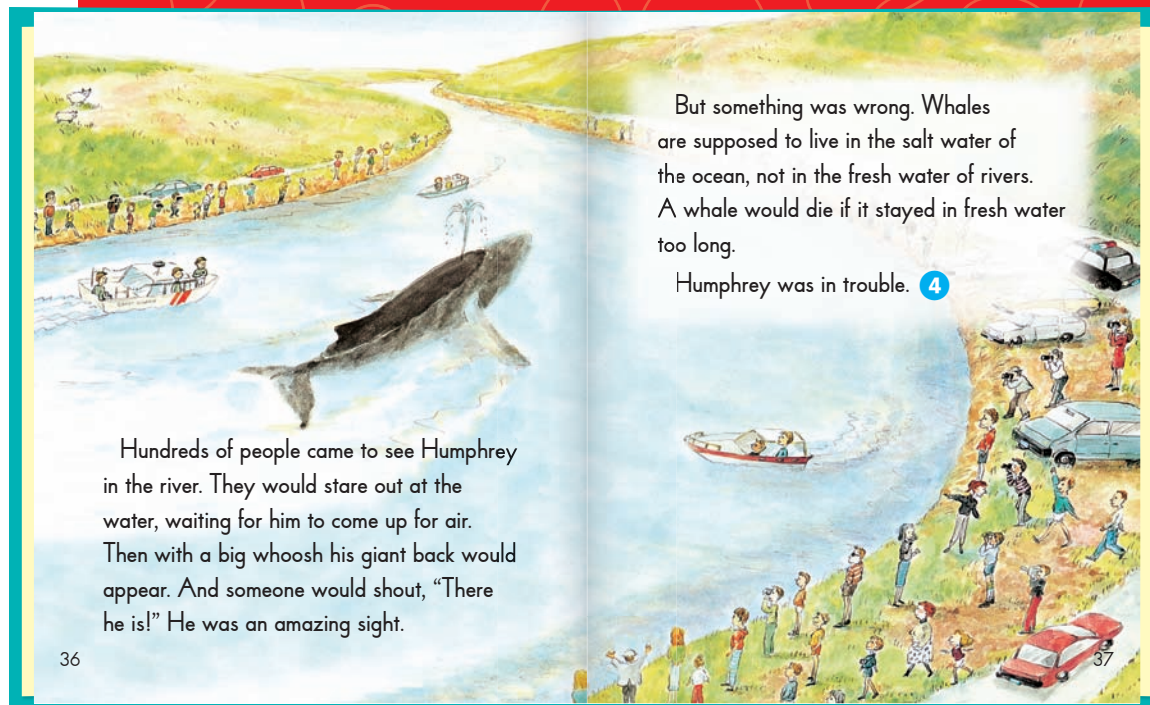
Comprehension Strategies

Teacher Modeling

4 Asking Questions *All these people are watching Humphrey, but no one is helping him get out. I have a lot of questions. I wonder why he can't live in freshwater. I wonder what people will do to get him back to the ocean. I wonder whether Humphrey is scared.*

5 Asking Questions *Why would Humphrey have trouble finding food in a river? Fish are in most rivers. This isn't a very big river, and whales eat lots and lots of fish. Humphrey is as big as a bus, and it would take a lot of fish to fill up a bus. There just aren't enough fish in the river to feed him.*

6 Predicting *I think people will find a way to help Humphrey get out of the river. Let's think of some ways they might get him out.*



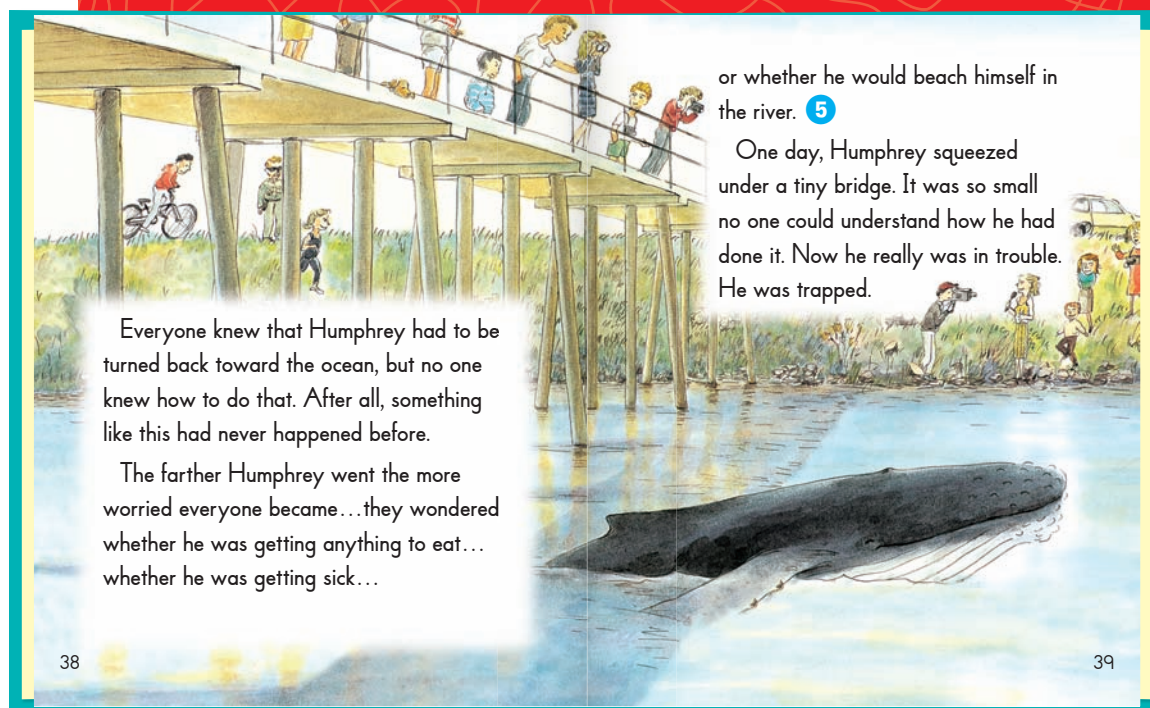
But something was wrong. Whales are supposed to live in the salt water of the ocean, not in the fresh water of rivers. A whale would die if it stayed in fresh water too long.

Humphrey was in trouble. **4**

Hundreds of people came to see Humphrey in the river. They would stare out at the water, waiting for him to come up for air. Then with a big whoosh his giant back would appear. And someone would shout, "There he is!" He was an amazing sight.

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or whether he would beach himself in the river. **5**

One day, Humphrey squeezed under a tiny bridge. It was so small no one could understand how he had done it. Now he really was in trouble. He was trapped.

Everyone knew that Humphrey had to be turned back toward the ocean, but no one knew how to do that. After all, something like this had never happened before.

The farther Humphrey went the more worried everyone became...they wondered whether he was getting anything to eat... whether he was getting sick...

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