



Comprehension Strategies

Teacher Modeling

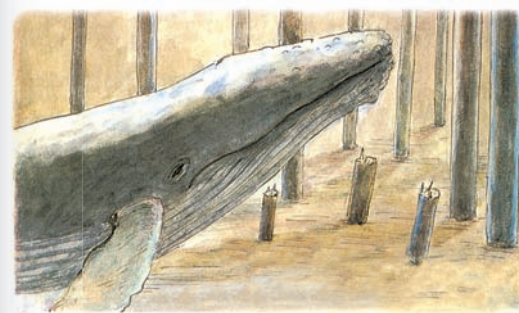
7 Predicting *The people were trying to help Humphrey by scaring him so he would go away from the noise and back to the sea. Now Humphrey is really angry because he can't get under the bridge. He's big enough to knock down the bridge. I think he will.*

8 Predicting *The space between the pilings that holds up the bridge is bigger, but is it big enough for Humphrey to get through? I'm not sure what's going to happen here, but I predict he won't get through and they'll have to think of something else.*



It worked! Humphrey turned around and started swimming back down the river. Everyone was relieved . . . but the danger wasn't over yet!

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When Humphrey arrived at the little bridge, he stopped. He was afraid to go under it. He couldn't find a space big enough to go through.

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People kept banging the pipes. Humphrey seemed flustered. What would he do?

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As the pipes kept clanging, Humphrey became angry! He rolled from side to side and thrashed his great tail. People stopped banging the pipes. **7**

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Teacher Tips

GLOSSARY The word *narrow* can be found in the Glossary of the *By the Sea Big Book*.

PREDICTING Be sure to confirm all predictions when you reach the appropriate places in the text. Consider writing all predictions so you can refer to them throughout the selection.