

Fiction/Non-Fiction/Poetry		Text: Dear Greenpeace							
	Focus skill	Opening task	Follow-up						
Monday	Decoding	Read the text together: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - echo reading (adult reads and child repeats) - paired reading (take turns to read) - identify recently taught graphemes (look for alternative spellings of phonemes) 							
	Vocabulary	Re-read the text, making a note of any new vocabulary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss what the following topic-related words mean to enhance understanding of the text <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Greenpeace (from last week)</td> <td>whale</td> <td>salt water</td> <td>ocean</td> <td>(yours) sincerely</td> </tr> </table> Try to use the new vocabulary in a sentence (out loud)				Greenpeace (from last week)	whale	salt water	ocean
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Thursday	Summarising and sequencing	Re-read the text, stopping to discuss and summarise each letter. Look at how each letter from Greenpeace is a reply to Emily's last letter. How can we tell this? (The letters from Greenpeace refer to details from Emily's letters.)		What is Emily telling/asking Greenpeace? What is Greenpeace telling Emily? What do you notice are the differences between the way Emily writes her letters and the way Greenpeace write theirs?					
Friday	Retrieval (and inference)	Scan Emily's letters to find and highlight any phrases that give us clues to how she feels about the whale.		Answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you think Emily feels about her whale? What makes you think that? • How do you think Emily feels when she receives each reply? • Do you think Greenpeace take Emily's letters seriously? Why do you think that? 					

Dear Greenpeace,

I love whales very much and I think I saw one in my pond today. Please send me some information on whales, as I think he might be hurt.

Love
Emily



Dear Emily,

Here are some details about whales. I don't think you'll find it was a whale you saw, because whales don't live in ponds, but in salt water.

Yours sincerely,
Greenpeace



Dear Greenpeace,

I am now putting salt into the pond every day before school and last night I saw my whale smile. I think he is feeling better. Do you think he might be lost?

Love
Emily



Dear Emily,

Please don't put any more salt in the pond, I'm sure your parents won't be pleased.

I'm afraid there can't be a whale in your pond, because whales don't get lost, they always know where they are in the oceans.

Yours sincerely,
Greenpeace

Dear Greenpeace,

Tonight I am very happy because I saw my whale jump up and spurt lots of water. He looked blue.

Does this mean he might be a blue whale?

Love
Emily

P.S. What can I feed him with?

Dear Emily,

Blue whales are blue and they eat tiny shrimp-like creatures that live in the sea. However I must tell you that a blue whale is much too big to live in your pond.

Yours sincerely,
Greenpeace



P.S. Perhaps it is a blue goldfish?