

DESCRIBING HUPMBACK WHALES (PRE-K):

Hawai'i Early Learning & Development Standards - Language Arts & Literacy - Language: [LA.36.r](#), [LA.36.aa](#), [LA.48.dd](#), [LA48.g](#), [LA.KE.j](#), [LA.KE.cc](#)

DIRECTIONS:

Visit the National Public Radio website to learn about [how baby humpback whales communicate with their mothers](#). Look at the article's picture and listen to the sound file.

Think of words to describe the baby humpback whale. What colors do you see on its body? What kinds of sounds does it make?

Your teacher will provide you with an [outline of a humpback whale](#). Add colors and details to this outline.

Create a puppet by cutting around the outline of the whale and cutting a strip from a piece of pressed cardboard. When you're done, pass the piece of cardboard to the classmate sitting next to you. Glue or tape the handle to the back of your whale picture.

With your classmates, form a pod of whales, swimming and singing around your classroom.

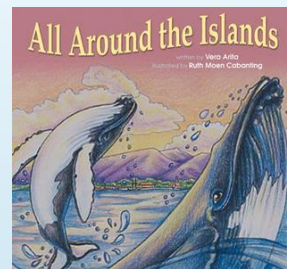


MATERIALS:

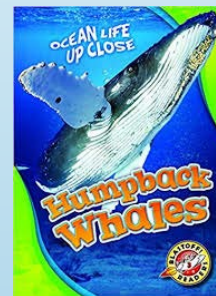
crayons or markers, glue or tape, pressed cardboard (e.g. cereal or tissue boxes), printer, scissors, white printer paper



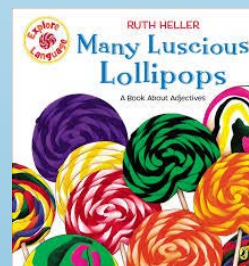
BOOKS:



[All Around the Islands](#), Vera Arita



[Humpback Whales](#), Christina Leaf



[Many Luscious Lollipops: A Book About Adjectives](#), Ruth Heller

VIDEO:

[Schoolhouse Rock: Grammar - Unpack Your Adjectives Music Video](#), Disney Educational Productions



WEBSITE:

[Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary](#), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association