

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *A Symphony of Whales*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

anxiously nervously or in a worried manner

bay a part of an ocean enclosed by the coastline

blizzards heavy snowstorms with very strong winds

channel a body of water joining two larger bodies of water

chipped broke off small pieces of something

melody a series of musical notes that make up a tune

supplies quantities of something needed

surrounded encircled; enclosed

symphony a long musical work written for an orchestra

Conventions

Present, Past, and Future Tense

Verbs can show action. They can also show when the action happens. Different verb tenses have different forms. Many **present tense verbs** end in *-s*. You form the **past tense** of most verbs by adding *-ed*. The **future tense** tells what will happen in the future. When you add the helping verb *will* to a verb, you make it a future tense verb. You also can use the future tense when you want to tell about what probably will happen.

Activity

The Present, Past, and Future Family

Each player takes on the identity of one of the tenses. For example, you might have a Mr. Present, Mrs. Past, and Master Future. The player representing the present thinks of a verb and uses it in a sentence. Then the players representing past and future must each change the verb to their tense and use the word correctly in the same sentence—modifying the sentence as needed.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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