



MIGRATION

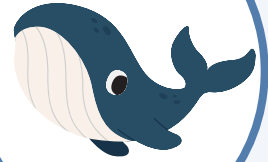
READING COMPREHENSION

Migration is a strategy some animals use to help them survive seasonal changes. They physically move to more optimal climatic conditions, but always return to their original habitats.

Animals migrate for different reasons. For example, monarch butterflies can not survive the cold winter months in their native Canada, so fly to Mexico - several thousands of kilometres away, in search of warmer climates. They then return to Canada in Spring. Others migrate for feeding reasons, such as zebras who relocate during the dry season when fresh grass and water are in short supply. Zebras make the longest migration of all land mammals in Africa.

During Winter, Australian humpback whales migrate to warmer waters to raise their young, and travel south to cooler waters during Summer time to feed on krill and fish.

Arctic Terns make the longest annual migration of any animals in the world. They cover more than 40,000 kilometres a year, chasing Summer from pole to pole.



1 In your own words, define migration: _____

2 Describe two reasons why animals migrate:

- _____
- _____

3 Why might grass and water be in short supply during the African dry season? _____

4 Explain why there is an abundance of food for humpback whales during summer time in the Southern Ocean? _____

