

## CHAPTER 7

We cut the whales up. We had to get the spermaceti from the head. Two men sat in the head to get it.

Spermaceti smells very sweet. They filled buckets with it. The hooks holding the whale's head broke. The two men fell in. One man was trapped. The head sank with the man under it. They pulled the other man out of the water.

Queequeg jumped in to save the trapped man. He cut a hole in the whale's head with his sword. He pulled the trapped man back onto the ship.

We met another ship. It was called the Jungfrau. It was a clean ship.



*Queequeg jumped in to save the trapped man.*

Captain Derick De Deer came to the Pequod. He wanted some oil. Captain Ahab asked, “Did you see the White Whale?”

“No,” said Derick.

Ahab gave him some oil. Whales appeared around both ships. Derick went back to his ship. They went after the whales. The Pequod followed. The Pequod killed a whale. It sank to the bottom of the ocean.

The Jungfrau didn’t catch a whale. It tried to chase the other whales.

Ahab wanted the ship to go faster. He said, “We must **pitchpole** the bottom.”

The crew greased the bottom of the boat.

We sailed to the Malacca peninsula. Many whales swam there. There were pirates there. We found some whales. We went after the whales. Pirates saw us and started chasing us. We escaped the pirates.

There was something wrong with the whales. The Pequod found a whale. Queequeg tried to kill the whale. His harpoon hit the whale. The whale tried to swim away. It dragged Starbuck’s boat with it. He had drugged harpoons in the boat. The men threw the harpoons and killed the whale.

**pitchpole** (v) to turn end over end

We stayed in the Malacca peninsula for a long time. There was a big pod of whales. The female whales and the baby whales came over to the ship. The men touched the whales gently.

Whalers didn't kill the mother or baby whales. They knew better. One whale gave birth next to the Pequod. One of the whales went mad. It started to kill the whales in the pod.

Flask killed one of the other whales. The Pequod sailed away from the whales. It was too dangerous. We didn't see Moby Dick.



*The whale tried to swim away.  
It dragged Starbuck's boat with it.*

## CHAPTER 8

We kept looking for Moby Dick. We saw a French whaling ship. It had a whale next to it. They found the whale. They didn't kill it. These whales are called blasted whales. They smell horrible. Not many whaling ships will touch them.

The ship was called the Rosebud. The Pequod sailed close to the Rosebud.

“Ahoy, Rosebud! Do you speak English?” Stubb asked.

“Yes. What do you want?” one of the sailors asked.



*We saw a French whaling ship.  
It had a whale next to it.*

# COMPREHENSION CHECK

## Test-1

**Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?**

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1. The narrator is called Ishmael. T / F
2. Ishmael didn't want to go to sea on a whaling ship. T / F
3. Queequeg was a cannibal. T / F
4. Nantucket is the best place to find a whaling ship. T / F
5. Ishmael and Queequeg joined the crew of the Pequod. T / F
6. Starbuck was the captain of the Pequod. T / F
7. The Pequod chased after Moby Dick. T / F
8. The *White Whale* was called Moby Dick. T / F
9. The Pequod found Moby Dick straight away. T / F
10. Moby Dick wasn't a dangerous whale. T / F

## Test-2

### Match the sentences.

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#### Beginnings

1. Ishmael wanted to sail on a
2. The harpoon chain
3. Moby Dick was a
4. Captain Ahab's leg was
5. People use ambergris
6. Queequeg wanted to die
7. Stubb was very happy
8. Whalers didn't kill the
9. The crew all wanted
10. The whale was tied to the

#### Endings

- a. white sperm whale.
- b. in the canoe.
- c. to kill Moby Dick.
- d. because he killed the whale.
- e. whaling ship from Nantucket.
- f. mother or baby whales.
- g. ship with big chains.
- h. made out of ivory.
- i. in perfume and candles.
- j. was wrapped around Captain Ahab's neck.

### Test-3

#### Who said this in the story?

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*Ishmael, Captain Bildad, Queequeg  
Starbuck or Captain Ahab*

1. "Remember to say your prayers."  
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2. "Send everybody aft."  
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3. "He has iron harpoons in his skin and a strange tail."  
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4. "Captain, I need to talk to you."  
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5. "Did you see the White Whale?"  
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6. "You terrible old man!"  
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7. "Chasing Moby Dick was dangerous."  
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8. "You won't get any oil from that whale."  
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9. "The White Whale!"  
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10. "Tie it up for the night. We'll deal with it in the morning."  
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## Test-4

**Answer the following questions.**

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1. Where did Ishmael and Queequeg meet?
2. Who was the captain of the Pequod?
3. What did Queequeg carry?
4. What are the names of the men that are in charge of the boats?
5. What is the name of the White Whale?
6. What liquid did the men get from the dead whales?
7. What did the men get from the whale that the Rosebud found?
8. Who argued with the captain about chasing Moby Dick?
9. Who jumped into the sea to save the trapped man?
10. What did the men take out of the heads of the whales?

## Test-5

**Put the list in order by entering 1 to 10 in the purple circles.**

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- a.  Ishmael meets Queequeg in New Bedford.
- b.  The Pequod kills the first whale of the trip.
- c.  The Pequod goes to sea.
- d.  Captain Ahab tells the crew they are chasing Moby Dick.
- e.  Ishmael finds the Pequod in Nantucket.
- f.  Ishmael sees Captain Ahab for the first time.
- g.  Queequeg is very sick. The crew make a coffin for him.
- h.  Ishmael decides to go to sea.
- i.  Queequeg suddenly got better.
- j.  Moby Dick kills Captain Ahab.