Our tour boat
Slows to a float
Near giants of the sea.

What a great sight!
I feel both awe and glee.

I wonder if
These whales I watch
Are also watching me.
Whale Watch Wonder
By Guy Belleranti

1. What phrase does the author use to describe the whales in his poem?

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2. How many whales does the author see on his whale watch tour?

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3. Why does the author hold on tight when the whales breach?

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4. What does the author wonder about as he watches the whales?

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5. Give an example of two words that rhyme in the poem.

______________________________ and _________________________
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the poem. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. ____ o u ____
   clue: a sight-seeing trip

2. a ____ e

3. ____ u a ____ e

4. b ____ e a ____ h
   clue: (a whale) rising and breaking through the surface of the water

5. ____ l e ____
   clue: happiness or delight
In the poem, “Whale Watch Wonder,” the author describes his wonder as he watches whales from a tour boat.

On the lines below, tell about a time you saw a wild animal up close. What kind of animal was it? Where were you? How did you feel when you were so close to the animal?

Use complete sentences in your answer.

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1. What phrase does the author use to describe the whales in his poem?

   The author calls the whales “giants of the sea.”

Answers will vary: boat and float; breaks and quakes; tight and sight; sea and three; glee and me.
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1. t o u r
   clue: a sight-seeing trip

2. a w e
   clue: a feeling of wonder

3. q u a k e
   clue: tremble or shake

4. b r e a c h
   clue: (a whale) rising and breaking through the surface of the water

5. g l e e
   clue: happiness or delight