

Grammar – Word Order

Wales or Whales? Create 10 Factual Sentences 1

- a) *Decide whether each statement is about **Wales** or **whales**, then write a factual statement using the words on the left:*

1. Cardiff, city, capital	_____
2. blue, orange, bright, poo	_____
3. castle, 427	_____
4. national, rugby, sport	_____
5. breathe, gill, underwater, lung	_____
6. law, international, protect	_____
7. million, over, ten, sheep	_____
8. mating, humpback, song, male, sing, complex	_____
9. Disney, Pinocchio, Monstro, eat, feature film, Geppetto, 1940	_____
10. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch, place, longest, name, Europe	_____

- b) *Turn each sentence into a yes/no and wh- question with short answers, e.g. Is Cardiff the capital city of Wales? / Yes, it is.*
- c) *Write ten facts about your country and/or your favourite animal. Then transform them into yes/no and wh- questions with short answers.*
- d) *Wales and whales are **homophones**. Find ten other homophone pairs in English.*
- e) *Wales and whales both have /w/ as the first sound, despite different spellings: 'w' and 'wh'. Find ten other English words that start with 'wh' but are pronounced with /w/.*

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Answers will vary. Sample answers:

a)

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| 1. Wales | Cardiff is the capital city of Wales. |
| 2. whales | Blue whales have bright orange poo . |
| 3. Wales | There are four hundred and twenty-seven castles in Wales. |
| 4. Wales | Rugby is the national sport of Wales. |
| 5. whales | Whales can't breathe underwater because they have lungs instead of gills . |
| 6. whales | Whales are protected under international law . |
| 7. Wales | There are over ten million sheep in Wales. |
| 8. whales | Male humpback whales sing complex mating songs . |
| 9. whales | Pinocchio and Geppetto were eaten by the whale Monstro in the 1940 Disney feature film . |
| 10. Wales | Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch is the longest place name in Europe . |

b)

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| 1. Y / N
WH- | Is Cardiff the capital city of Wales? / Yes, it is.
What is the capital city of Wales? / Cardiff. |
| 2. Y / N
WH- | Do blue whales have bright orange poo? / Yes, they do.
What colour poo do blue whales have? / Bright orange. |
| 3. Y / N
WH- | Are there four hundred and twenty-seven castles in Wales? / Yes, there are.
How many castles are there in Wales? / Four hundred and twenty-seven. |
| 4. Y / N
WH- | Is Rugby the national sport of Wales? / Yes, it is.
What is the national sport of Wales? / Rugby. |
| 5. Y / N
WH- | Can whales breathe underwater? / No, they can't.
Why can't whales breathe underwater? / Because they have lungs instead of gills. |
| 6. Y / N
WH- | Are whales protected under international law? / Yes, they are.
Under which law are whales protected? / International law. |
| 7. Y / N
WH- | Are there over ten million sheep in Wales? / Yes, there are.
How many sheep are there in Wales? / Over ten million. |
| 8. Y / N
WH- | Do male humpback whales sing complex mating songs? / Yes, they do.
What do male humpback whales sing? / Complex mating songs. |
| 9. Y / N
WH- | Were Pinocchio and Geppetto eaten by the whale Monstro in the 1940 Disney feature film? / Yes, they were.
What was the name of the whale which ate Pinocchio and Geppetto in the 1940 Disney feature film? / Monstro. |
| 10. Y / N | Is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch the |

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WH- *longest place name in Europe? / Yes, it is.*
 What is the longest place name in Europe? /
 Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch.

c) *Answers will vary.*

d) *Answers will vary. Here are some more homophone pairs:*

bean / been, eye / I, fill / Phil, hair / hare, knows / nose,
peace / piece, road / rode, sea / see, too / two, wood / would

Don't forget that 'wails' is another homophone of 'Wales' and 'whales'!

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e) *Answers will vary. Sample answers: wheat, wheeze, while, whilst, whine, whirl, whisker, whisper, whist, white, etc. – and not forgetting all the **wh- question words**: what, where, why, when, who, whose, which, etc.*

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