

Grammar – Word Order

Wales or Whales? Create 10 Factual Sentences 2

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

1. 3.1 million, population	_____
2. Mount, mountain, 1,085m, Snowdon, highest	_____
3. mammal, milk, breathe, young, warm-blooded, feed, air	_____
4. date, oldest, Europe, 400 AD, languages, Welsh	_____
5. relate, hippopotamuses	_____
6. 3,000, number, reduce, 225,000, blue, Antarctic	_____
7. white, dragon, red, green, flag, stripe	_____
8. largest, 150,000 kg, blue, animal, Antarctic, world	_____
9. learn, capable, teach	_____
10. daffodil, national, leek, emblem, both	_____

- 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 | The population of Wales is 3.1 million . |
| 2. Wales | The highest mountain in Wales is Mount Snowdon at 1,085m . |
| 3. whales | Whales are warm-blooded mammals which breathe air and feed their young milk . |
| 4. Wales | Welsh is one of the oldest languages in Europe , dating from 400 AD . |
| 5. whales | Whales are related to hippopotamuses . |
| 6. whales | The number of Antarctic blue whales has reduced from 225,000 to 3,000 . |
| 7. Wales | The flag of Wales has white and green stripes and a red dragon . |
| 8. whales | The Antarctic blue whale is the largest animal in the world at 150,000 kg . |
| 9. whales | Whales are capable of teaching and learning . |
| 10. Wales | The daffodil and the leek are both national emblems of Wales. |

b)

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| 1. Y / N
WH- | Is the population of Wales 3.1 million? / Yes, it is.
What is the population of Wales? / 3.1 million. |
| 2. Y / N
WH- | Is Mount Snowden the highest mountain in Wales? / Yes, it is.
What is the highest mountain in Wales? / Mount Snowden. |
| 3. Y / N
WH- | Are whales warm-blooded mammals? / Yes, they are.
What do whales feed their young? / Milk. |
| 4. Y / N
WH- | Is Welsh one of the oldest languages in Europe? / Yes, it is.
What is one of the oldest languages in Europe? / Welsh. |
| 5. Y / N
WH- | Are whales related to hippopotamuses? / Yes, they are.
Which animals are whales related to? / Hippopotamuses. |
| 6. Y / N
WH- | Has the number of Antarctic blue whales reduced from 225,000 to 3,000? /
Yes, it has.
By how much has the number of Antarctic blue whales reduced? /
From 225,000 to 3,000. |
| 7. Y / N
WH- | Does the flag of whales have white and green stripes and a red dragon? /
Yes, it does.
What colour are the stripes on the flag of Wales? / White and green. |
| 8. Y / N
WH- | Is the Antarctic blue whale the largest animal in the world? / Yes, it is.
What is the largest animal in the world? / The Antarctic blue whale. |
| 9. Y / N
WH- | Are whales capable of teaching and learning? / Yes, they are.
Which animals are capable of teaching and learning? / Whales. |
| 10. Y / N
WH- | Are the daffodil and the leek both national emblems of Wales? / Yes, they are.
What are the national emblems of Wales? / The daffodil and the leek. |

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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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