

Ken's Summer Holidays on the Isle of Mull – Day 3

- 1 Today we went on a sea trip. It was awesome! We were lucky that it was a calm day so Callum didn't get seasick. Yesterday it was windy and so we probably couldn't have gone on a boat, but today the weather was perfect.
- 5 We left from Tobermory (the main town on the island). The boat was called *Silver Swift*. It wasn't very big but we weren't sleeping on it, so it didn't matter. We even had to bring our own picnic, although you could buy hot drinks and snacks on board. Even though it was sunny and warm, Dad made us take jumpers and kagouls because he said it would be cold out on the open sea. At first, we laughed at him, but unfortunately he was right. After an hour, both Callum and I reluctantly pulled on our jumpers. It wasn't worth being cold just to prove Dad wrong! We saw lots of seals. They did look funny, bobbing up and down in the water. When they bark, they sound like dogs. We had great fun trying to spot a new seal before anyone else in the family.
- 17 But then someone shouted from the other side of the boat. We rushed across to see what the fuss was about and saw a whale's spout. We watched it for a while as it blew water from its blowhole, then it dived back under the water. A real live whale! We thought that was it ... but suddenly it leaped. Someone said it was a minke (say min-key) whale. They say that minke whales are small whales but I'll tell you that when it jumped, it didn't look small!!! It made a huge splash as it belly-flopped back into the water. It was so close that we all got soaked. When we left the cottage this morning, we hoped to see seals and maybe dolphins. But we saw a **WHOLE WHALE!!!!**



Dad took this photo of the whale as it jumped!

BEST DAY EVER.

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1 Look at the first paragraph.

Find and copy one word that means the same as *good*.

2a

1 mark

2 Why would the family not have gone on a boat the day before?

2b

1 mark

3 **Find and copy two** things that you learned about the boat they travelled on.

2b

1 mark

4 Why were the boys reluctant to put their jumpers on?

2d

1 mark

5 “*It made a huge splash as it belly-flopped back into the water.*”

Ken could have said it landed. Why did he use the word “*belly-flopped*”?

Tick **one**.

It helps the reader to understand what he saw.

People splash when they do belly-flops.

Belly-flops are painful, so the whale must have been hurt.

The reader needs to know the whale landed on its belly.

2g

1 mark

6 Ken enjoyed the day.

Find and copy two pieces of evidence for this statement.

2b

2 marks

7 Fill in the gaps in this sentence.

The family hoped to see _____

but instead they saw _____.

2h

1 mark

8 Why does Ken use capital letters at the end of his blog?

2f

2 mark

9 Number these things to show the order in which Ken saw them.

whale jumping

Silver Swift

seals bobbing

whale blowing water

2c

1 mark