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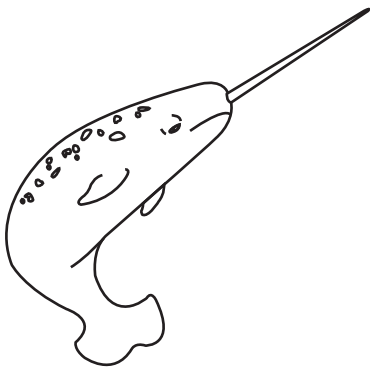
Quotes as Evidence #3

When we answer questions or make statements in response to a text, we can support our ideas by using quotes as **evidence**, or proof. It is important to choose a quote from the text that directly relates to our statement.

Remember, when you copy something from a text, you should use quotation marks around the part that is copied. You can quote part of a sentence or a whole sentence.

Example: The author says that "lions are fierce predators."

Read the text. Then, answer the following questions.



The narwhal, or the "unicorn whale," is one of nature's most mysterious animals. It lives in the arctic waters of the North Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Canada and sometimes as far as Greenland and Russia.

It is famous for its single tusk, or "unicorn horn," which sticks out just above its mouth. The tusk is even stranger because it's not centered on the whale's head; it is offset a little to the left. The tusk is made of the same material as its teeth, and it's actually considered to be an extra tooth. It grows out to almost eight feet long.

There are no other mammals that have anything like it. Some mammals, such as walruses and elephants, have tusks, but none are as strange as the narwhal's. It has a spiral shape and is hollow on the inside. About one in every 500 narwhals have two tusks, but most narwhals only have one long tusk on the left side, and a much smaller tooth grows in on the right side.

The whales have been seen using it to compete with one another, but the tusk is actually more than just a tooth. Until recently, no one has been sure why the animal has this tusk. A group of scientists from Harvard University's School of Dental Medicine made a discovery that has helped to better understand the tusk. They found that it has a very complex system with millions of nerves and sensors running through it. This allows the narwhal to detect things in its environment. Scientists believe the whales can use it to detect how much salt is in the water so it knows where it's safe to swim. Ocean animals require a certain amount of salt in the water for them to survive. Scientists also believe that the tusk can be used as a hunting tool. It can sense tiny particles in the water, which may be able to help the narwhal recognize what kinds of fish are swimming nearby.

Not everything is understood about the narwhal yet, but dentists and other marine scientists continue to study its tusk in hopes that it will help us learn how to strengthen our own teeth.

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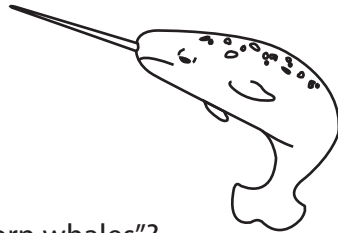
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Answer each question below in your own words. Then, choose a quote from the text that supports your answer. Remember to use quotation marks when you write each quote.

Example: Where do narwhals live?

Answer: Narwhals live in very cold oceans in the Northern Hemisphere.

Evidence: "It lives in the arctic waters of the North Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Canada and sometimes as far as Greenland and Russia."



1. Why are narwhals called "unicorn whales"?

Answer: _____

Evidence: _____

2. Why do narwhals have a tusk?

Answer: _____

Evidence: _____

3. What sets a narwhal apart from other tusked animals?

Answer: _____

Evidence: _____
