

# With and Without a Picture:

## Narwhal

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Show what you know. Write down three facts that you learned about narwhals.

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Write two things that you learned from the picture.

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## Narwhal (Part 3)

How does having a picture with the text change what you know about the animal?

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The narwhal is called “the unicorn of the ocean” because of the large tusk on its face. The tusk is actually a tooth and can grow up to nine feet long! Only the male narwhals have this spiral tooth. Sometimes, they clash their tusks against each other. Scientists guess that they do this as a way to fight, communicate, or impress female narwhals. Scientists aren’t really sure why they have this tooth!

Write your own opinion on why male narwhals have a long tusk.

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