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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

New phonic element	<i>wh</i> digraph
Words with new phonic element	<i>when, while, whip, whack, white, whale</i>
Reviewed phonic elements	long vowel VCe patterns; consonant digraphs
Story words	<i>boat, friend, wheel, whisk, whisker, whistle, whittle</i>
Reviewed story words	<i>after, all, away, happy, water, thought</i>
New high-frequency word	<i>walk</i>
Special considerations	inflectional endings <i>-ed, -ing, -s</i> ; plural ending <i>-s</i> ; possessive <i>'s</i> ; two-syllable decodable words

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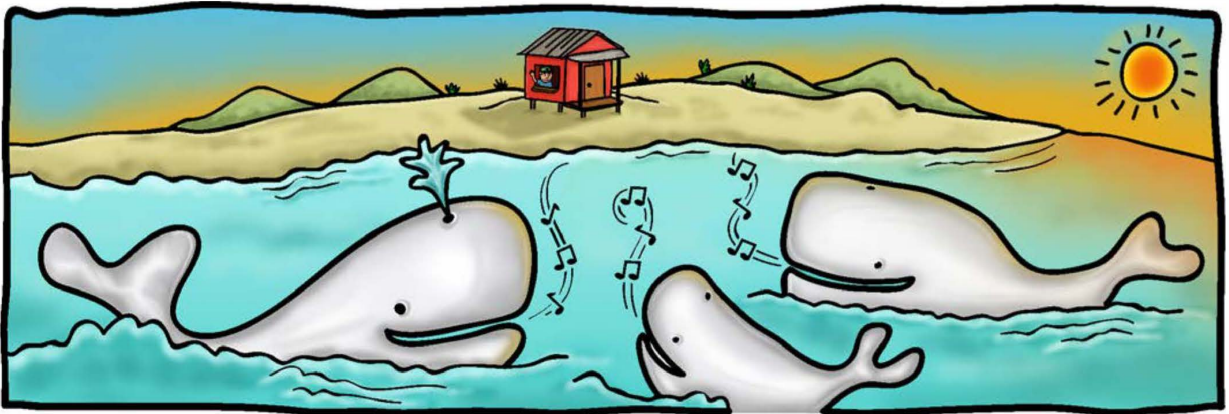
Whisker Bill lived in a hut next to the water.
All day long, the wind
whipped over the sand.



Whisker Bill liked to whistle
when he went for a walk.
He liked to whistle while he whittled, too.



As he sat inside, the wind
would whack the side of his shack.
His friends thought that one day
the wind would whisk Bill away.



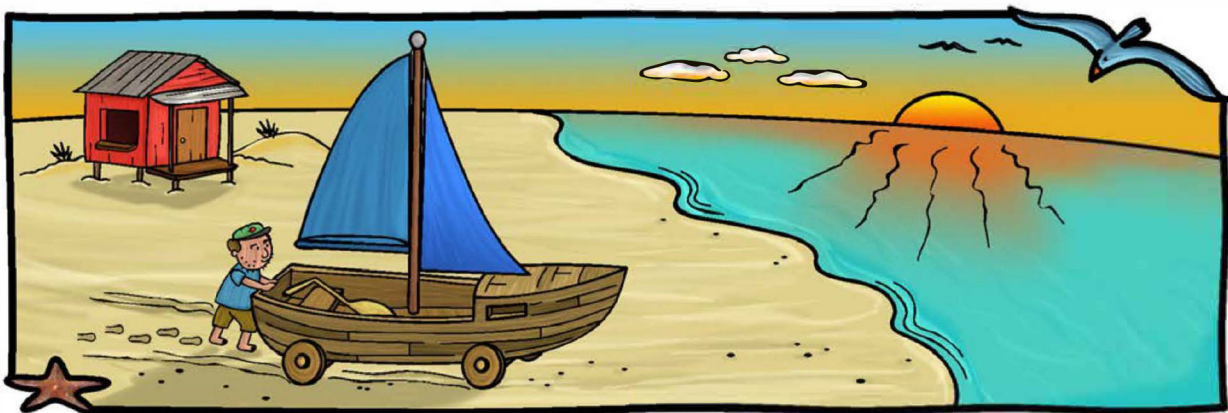
One day Bill saw white whales in the water.
He thought that white whales would
bring him good luck.



Whisker Bill got tired of whittling.
He made a big boat.
Then he had to get the big boat
into the water.

Whisker Bill • *Wh* Digraph

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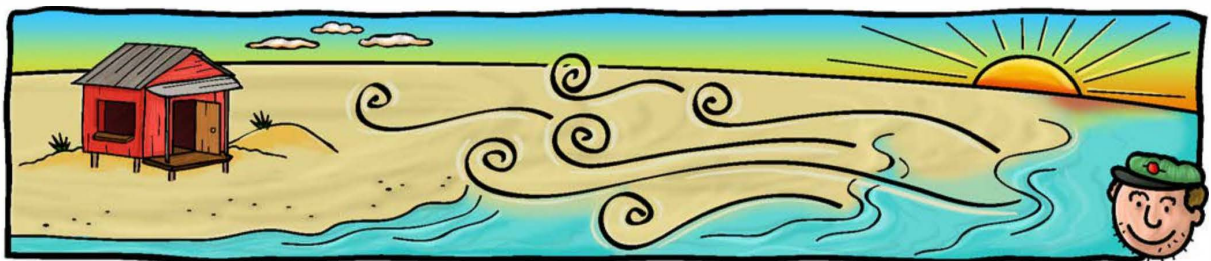


The boat was too big to drag to the water.
Whisker Bill put it on wheels
and wheeled it to the water.
Then Whisker Bill rode the waves over the water.

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The wind whisked Whisker Bill away.
It whisked him to where the white whales lived.
From that day on, no one saw Whisker Bill.



As the wind whipped off the waves,
it whistled a happy tune.
It was Whisker Bill
whistling from over the water.