

Facilitating teams

The White Albatross

A certain west coast university scientist chartered a ship for exploration purposes. When a large white bird was sighted, the scientist asked permission to kill it. He stated that white albatrosses are usually found only off the coast of Australia. He wanted the bird as a specimen for the university museum.

The crew protested against the killing of the bird calling the scientist's attention to the old sea superstition that bad luck follows the killing of a white albatross. Nevertheless, the captain granted permission to kill the bird, and the bird was killed.

These mishaps happened after the bird was killed:

- The net cables fouled up three times.

- The net caught on the bottom and was ripped to shreds.

- The shaft on the main winch snapped, and it took the crew members five hours to reel in, by hand, 1,700 feet of cable.

- A rib was broken when Jackie Larson, a scientist's aide, fell down a hatch ladder.

- The scientist became seasick for the first time in his life.

- Lost gear forced the ship to head for land.

- The cook left his job.

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Please respond to the ten statements on each of the following four pages by marking in the upper left corner of the box:

T = if the statement is true,

F = if the statement is false, and

**? = if the story does not contain sufficient information to
respond true or false.**

Please complete this assignment individually.

The White Albatross - Round 1

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| 1 | Fortunately, the net cables never fouled up. | T | F | ? |
| 2 | Larson broke his leg. | T | F | ? |
| 3 | After the bird was killed, the mishaps occurred. | T | F | ? |
| 4 | The white albatross was sighted near Australia. | T | F | ? |
| 5 | The troubles happened after the albatross was killed. | T | F | ? |
| 6 | The sailors were not disturbed when the scientist violated the old sea superstition. | T | F | ? |
| 7 | The naturalist did not charter the ship. | T | F | ? |
| 8 | The scientist's attention was called to the old sea superstition that bad luck follows the killing of a white albatross. | T | F | ? |
| 9 | The captain broke one of his ribs. | T | F | ? |
| 10 | While the crew men were undoubtedly upset by the scientist's action, the cook was the only man to actually leave his job. | T | F | ? |

The White Albatross - Round 2

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| 1 | The story lists various incidents which follow the killing of a bird. | T | F | ? |
| 2 | The scientist asked the captain for permission to kill the bird. | T | F | ? |
| 3 | The cook was fired because of his objection to the killing of the bird. | T | F | ? |
| 4 | When an albatross was sighted flying near the ship, the scientist asked permission to kill it. | T | F | ? |
| 5 | The ship, propelled by a motor, was in difficulty after the gear broke. | T | F | ? |
| 6 | Seventeen hundred feet of cable were reeled in by hand. | T | F | ? |
| 7 | Larson broke one of the ribs of the ship. | T | F | ? |
| 8 | The scientist expected to see a white albatross in that vicinity. | T | F | ? |
| 9 | The bird was killed against the captain's orders. | T | F | ? |
| 10 | The White Albatross was killed. | T | F | ? |

The White Albatross - Round 3

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| 1 | The scientist was not from a university or college. | T | F | ? |
| 2 | The scientist was less influenced by the old sea superstition than were the members of the crew. | T | F | ? |
| 3 | Permission to kill the bird was given by the captain. | T | F | ? |
| 4 | The person who fell down a hatch ladder was a man named Larson. | T | F | ? |
| 5 | The scientist did not ask the crew for permission to kill the albatross. | T | F | ? |
| 6 | The naturalist did not ask permission to kill the bird in order to secure it as a museum specimen. | T | F | ? |
| 7 | The crew protested against the killing of the bird. | T | F | ? |
| 8 | Jackie Larson became seasick before the albatross was killed. | T | F | ? |
| 9 | The cook helped reel in the seventeen hundred feet of cable. | T | F | ? |
| 10 | A scientist fell down a hatch ladder. | T | F | ? |

The White Albatross - Round 4

- 1 After the scientist shot the albatross the troubles happened. T F ?
- 2 No scientist's name was mentioned in the story. T F ?
- 3 The scientist was surprised to see a white albatross in the vicinity. T F ?
- 4 A lost gear made it necessary for the ship to return to the west coast. T F ?
- 5 A ship was chartered by a scientist. T F ?
- 6 The net was ripped on the bottom of the sea. T F ?
- 7 The bird that was killed was an albatross. T F ?
- 8 The scientist did not want the bird as a specimen for the university museum. T F ?
- 9 The cook did not leave his job. T F ?
- 10 The bird was killed by the scientist. T F ?

