👩‍🏫 Staff Guide · Biology A · Unit 1 Orcas & the Salish Sea (Level 1)

Level 1 = about 2nd-grade reading, with emoji and pictures. SLE students stay in Ms. Dunham's lesson and use these pieces next to it: same topics, same order, same points.

1. How the pieces line up

Gen ed piece (Canvas: "Unit 1 Orca: A1 J32 & the dying orcas, A2 Killer whale webquest, A2.5 Family trees, A3 Salish Sea food web, A4 Biomagnification (Trace the Toxin), A5 PCB articles, A6 Ocean noise, A7 Necropsy report, A8 Blackfish, A9 Orca review + Orca Test")	**Level 1 piece**
A1 J32 & the dying orcas (KIRO 7 video + J32 article)	Slides "Meet the orcas" + notes part A (KIRO 7 video is 🚧)
A2 Webquest + A2.5 Family trees	Orca families slide + notes part A
A3 Food web + A4 Biomagnification + A5 PCB articles	Notes part B + Trace the Toxin packet
A6 Ocean noise + A7 Necropsy	Notes part C + Ocean Noise Hunt packet
A8 Blackfish (PG-13) + Orca TED / Elwha videos	Not modified; use the slides' Solutions page instead (her call on Blackfish)
A9 Orca review + Orca Test (32, paper)	Unit quiz below
Class slides	Deck: 17 slides, Words to Know first, "point to the picture" checks, recap
Her worksheets (grouped into lessons)	Guided notes: 15 items + key
Class quiz / notes check	Quiz: 8 questions + key
Vocabulary	10 picture cards (cut apart)
—	2 games on the class site: matching + step-by-step order

2. Supports built in

- **Read aloud** every line; student may point, say, or circle (point = full answer)
- One idea per slide; big pictures; 2–3 picture choices
- Picture anchors: 🌿→🦐→🐟→🐋 chain, ☠️ poison piles up, 🔊 click and echo
- Level 1 never uses PCB, biomagnification, or echolocation as must-know words

3. Add these as the IEP allows

- Read-aloud · extended time · separate setting
- Printed slides · videos paused at the "look for" part
- Cover one choice to make it 2

4. What to grade

- Orca quiz stands in for the Orca Test until she shares it
- **Notes**: same points as her worksheets for that lesson when complete.
- **Quiz**: score, then scale to the class points.
- These are **modifications** (less content). The IEP must allow modified grading. Check with the case manager.

5. Who to ask

- Mr. Driver, Room 113 (SLE): changes and IEP questions.
- Facts we could not confirm in her files say "check with Ms. Dunham".

🚧 Under construction (check with Ms. Dunham)

- **Orca Test (32 pts, paper)**: Not in the export. Our unit quiz is built from her preassessment and A1.9 review (labeled "From review").

💗 Sensitive topic note

This unit talks about orcas dying (J32, a pregnant whale, and calves). Some students may find it sad. Keep the necropsy to the 3 causes; skip photos of the dead whale. Blackfish (PG-13) is her choice; we did not modify it.

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