

The Story of Three Whales



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lurk:
to hide in or about a place



The sharks lurk in a dark, underwater cave waiting for some fish.

The fish cannot see the sharks looking for them.

surface:

to rise to the top of any liquid



The whale could not surface because the ice was on top of the water. The whale needs to rise to the top of the water to breathe.

trudged:

walked or marched steadily
with great effort



The soldier trudged
slowly through the
muddy field. He was
having a hard time
moving his feet.

plight:

a bad condition or situation



We were saddened by the whale's plight. It was having a hard time breaking through the ice.

invincible:
impossible to defeat



The undefeated soccer
team seemed
invincible. No team
seemed able to beat
them.

ordeal:
something that is difficult to
do



The science test was an ordeal for Katie. It was a difficult experience since she hadn't studied.