



**Drama Queen  
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**Series: Book 6, Diva**

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Readership: Mid to Upper primary,  
reluctant readers early secondary

Genre: Fiction

**Diva - Girls at Sea**

**We're going whale watching and I can't wait. But what if I get sea sick?**

**Sea Sickness and Whales**

1. Research the cause of motion sickness. Write a paragraph explaining what it is.
2. Zander gathers many different sea sickness cures for Mickey to give Skye. As a class, discuss the different things your family uses.
3. Whale Watching is a huge tourist industry. Investigate where in Australia you can see whales and what types of whales you might see.
4. Mini Project: Create a mini project about a breed of whale that interests you. Include size, habitat, food, enemies and breeding. Present your findings in a poster.

**Girls At Sea**

1. Which of the girls is most excited about going whale watching?
2. What do you think Zoë would have said if Skye had told her she suffered from seasickness?
3. In groups, list the whale terms used in Girls At Sea.
4. Apart from sick, how do you think Coco was feeling during and after the trip? Write a paragraph explaining your answers.
5. The whale watching company in Girls At Sea is called Thar She Blows. In pairs investigate where the name may have come from. Write a paragraph about the name.
6. When the girls interviewed Nathan, he talked about whaling. In groups, investigate whaling. As a class, discuss the findings. Use the six thinking hats to form your own opinions.