

# Whale strandings

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**This task is about whale strandings.**



Sometimes whales can become stuck on our beaches. Here are some things you can do to help.

- Contact your nearest Department of Conservation office or the police as soon as possible.
- Keep the whale wet, making sure you don't pour water down its blowhole.
- Keep the whale upright.
- Keep the whale shaded from the Sun.

a) Why does the whale's skin need to be kept wet?

b) Why should water not be poured down the whale's blowhole?

c) Why is it important to tell the Department of Conservation or police what has happened?

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