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Generalize • Answer Questions

- Ideas in what you read are sometimes alike in several ways. To **generalize**, you can make a general statement about them together.
- Look for **clue words** like *most*, *many*, *all*, *some*, or *few*.
- Ask and **answer questions** as you read to help you reach a **generalization**.

Directions Read the following passage.

Mammals are animals that need to breathe air. Most mammals give birth to live babies. Mammal mothers also give milk to their babies.

Gray whales live in the ocean. Mothers-to-be find a safe place, like a lagoon, to give birth. After the calf is born, a female helper pushes it up to the surface so it can breathe. Then the mother feeds the baby.

Directions Are gray whales mammals? Complete the chart. Make a generalization.

Example	Example	Example
1. Do gray whales breathe air?	2. Do gray whales give birth to babies?	3. Do gray whales nurse their young?
<p style="text-align: center;">Generalization</p> <p>4. Gray whales are _____ .</p>		

5. How did answering the questions in the examples help you make a generalization?



Home Activity Your child made a generalization by finding examples of the ways things are alike. Draw a graphic organizer like the one above. Write examples about the ways dogs are alike in the three example boxes (dogs bark, wag tails, have hair). Then help your child write a generalization about dogs.