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Generalize

- Ideas in the things you read are sometimes alike in several ways. To **generalize**, you make a general statement about them.
- Look for **clue words** like *most*, *many*, *all*, or *few*.

Directions Read the following passage.

Mrs. Jones took her class to a sea animal park. “Animals that breathe through a blowhole are whales,” she said. “Find the animals that are whales.”

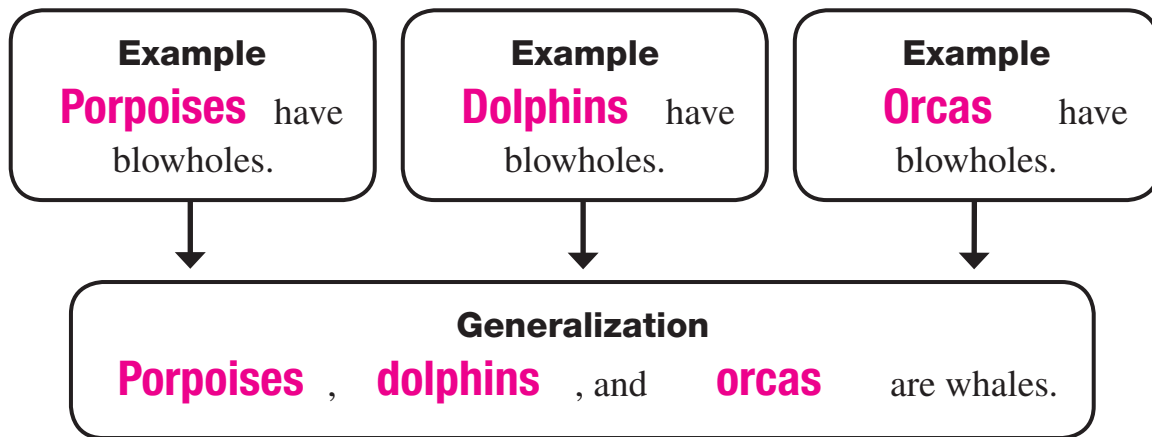
The students watched the show. Porpoises came up for food. They all blew air out of blowholes.

Next, a man swam with dolphins. Before the dolphin went underwater, it took a breath. Then it closed its blowhole.

Then orcas raced around the pool. One orca jumped out of the water. The students saw its blowhole when it fell back into the water.

“Now we know some sea animals that are whales,” the students said.

Directions Complete the chart to make a generalization.



Home Activity Your child made a generalization by looking for examples in a story. To make a generalization, a reader must look at several ideas and find a way that they are alike. Tell your child that animals with feathers are birds. Look for birds as you take a walk. Have your child make a generalization about them.