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B2
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ACTIVITIES

Put the words in the correct order to make questions from the text.

1. you you a whale, men?’ do see do ‘What when

_____________________________________________________

2. what next, you ‘And do men?’ do

_____________________________________________________

3. who Moby Dick it off ‘Wasn’t your took leg?’

_____________________________________________________

4. this? of ’kind ‘What man is

_____________________________________________________

5. heads world?’ many there too in ‘Aren’t this

_____________________________________________________

6. this captain ‘Are the of you ship?’

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Proficiency

600 headwords
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1000 headwords
1800 headwords
2500 headwords
Unabridged Texts

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Preliminary (PET)
First (FCE)
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A1
A2
B1
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C1
C2

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TEST YOURSELF

Find 18 words to do with ships and whaling in the wordsearch below.

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F H A R P O O N C S
I P L A N K C L O P
N B R F H C A A M E
H L I L U R S N P R
A U F O M E K C A M
M B L A P W S E S W
M B E T T A I L S H
O E J A W H U N T A
C R C A P S I Z E L
K G A N G R E N E E
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Harpoon, hump, hunt, jaw, lance, plank, rite, sperm, whale, tall.
Blubber, capsize, casks, compass, crew, fin, float, gangrene, hammock.
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Moby Dick on Stage

Lucca is one of the most lively city in Tuscany, Italy. Every year, it houses festivals like “Lucca Comics” where people have the possibility to dress up like their favourite comic strip characters. In August 2016, the Lucca Center of Contemporary Art (Lu.C.C.A.) showed some pictures taken by the photographers of the Magnum agency in twelve movie settings. One of this was the latest John Huston’s Moby Dick movie. To this Herman Melville’s novel, one of the English literature’s cornerstone, was dedicated an innovative event, whose name is “Realtà della finzione. Il museo incontra il teatro, la musica, la danza e la parola” (“Reality and fiction. The museum meets theatre, music, dance and words”). This opportunity gave also an important space to the show Aspettando Moby Dick (Waiting for Moby Dick) by Maurizio Vanni, who handled the exhibition.

Next year, visit Lucca and seize the moment to participate to these wonderful literary events!