17. Why is the darkness within the ocean hidden?

18. *He gasps for air in a fizzled explosion of mist;*

   Why do you think the poet chose to use *gasp* in this line?

19. *Eyes blinded by a dazzling sun; unshielded and reflecting off a stained, broken land.*

   What does *unshielded* mean in this sentence? Tick one.
   - exposed
   - shaded
   - sparkly
   - damaged

20. Why does the narwhal need to find the cleaner Arctic currents?
21. Why does the narwhal sing and click loudly?

22. **List three** signs that the ocean has been polluted.
   1. ____________________________
   2. ____________________________
   3. ____________________________

23. Why do you think the male narwhal is finding his search difficult?

24. Find and copy the phrase from the poem that shows the mother narwhal is thankful to have found her child.

25. Which of the following would be the most suitable summary of how the poet feels about narwhals and the Arctic? **Tick one.**
   - The poet would like to visit the Arctic and see a narwhal in its natural habitat.
   - The poet is very concerned about environmental issues in the Arctic and the future of the narwhal species.
   - The poet thinks that narwhals are magnificent animals.
   - The poet has done a lot of research about narwhals and their Arctic habitat.
26. How do you think the male narwhal’s mood changes from the start to the end of the poem?

27. How large is the Arctic?

28. Look within the ‘Where Is the Arctic?’ section. 
Find and copy a word or phrase that tells you that some experts can’t agree on the position of the Arctic.

29. Which American state has land that forms part of the Arctic?

30. Although the summers can be relatively mild (averaging a ‘pleasant’ 0 degrees Celsius), in winter it can get as low as −40!
Why does the author place the word ‘pleasant’ inside inverted commas?