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California Gray Whale – Annual Migration

	Use the reading to answer the following questions, in <u>complete</u> <u>sentences</u> .
1.	Why do whales make annual migrations?
2.	Where do whales migrate? In which seasons do they migrate to these locations?
3.	Why is the migration of the California Gray Whale well known and easily studied?
4.	What prompted the Gray Whale's removal from the Endangered Species List?
5.	Why is feeding in the Arctic so beneficial to the Gray Whale? What do they feed on in this location?
6.	What is <i>spyhopping</i> ? When are Gray Whales observed in this behavior? What is the purpose of this behavior?

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7.	What is <i>breaching?</i> What do scientists think the reason for this behavior might be?
8.	How long does it take for the Gray Whales to reach Baja, California? Why are the warm waters of this location so important to the whales?
9.	When does mating occur? How long does pregnancy last in the Gray Whale?

10. When does the migration to the Arctic feeding grounds begin? How long does it take the

mothers and calves?