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Class: _____ Date: _____

Short Story: Stranded on a Beach

An activity of "Some mammals cannot survive on land but get stranded there".

A stranding happens when a sick or injured marine mammal ends up on a beach and cannot return to sea. It is a heartbreaking event, as these animals may spend several hours in distress before they are rescued or even die. Read "Some mammals cannot survive on land but get stranded there" (pages 23–24, *What's Up* April 2026) to find out more.

ON YOUR OWN

A. Using the *What's Up* story, list the reasons that cause marine mammals to be stranded.

Causes of marine mammals stranding	
Natural occurrences	Human activities
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IN SMALL GROUPS

B. Write a short story of a stranded marine mammal.

The story should include the following:

- the kind of marine mammal it was
- where it lived
- how it got stranded one day
- what happened to it in the end.

Write out the story on a large sheet of paper.

Add an illustration to the story. Include a caption.

C. Display the story in the classroom, along with your classmates' stories. Walk around to read one another's stories. As you read the stories, reflect on your feelings for these marine mammals.