

Signs



Task

Look at the signs on the board game. Throw a dice, move your token the appropriate (= *entsprechend*) number of spaces and let your partner decide which sign you have to explain when you hit a grey box.

			Go ahead two spaces.		
			Take an extra turn.		
			Go back two spaces.		
			Miss one turn.		

Whale watching in New Zealand



Task

You are planning a trip to New Zealand with your cousin. Therefore you've checked some tourist attractions in advance and you have found an interesting report about whale watching in Kaikoura. Your cousin would like to know how the company works but her English isn't good enough to understand the information in the report. Help her out and write down the answers for her questions in German into your exercise book.



Whale watching in Kaikoura (New Zealand)

Would you like to see and meet one of the most amazing marine mammals of the planet? Then you should book a flight straight away to New Zealand to have a magical vacation time on the other side of the world. Kaikoura is an exceptional place for its powerful nature environments. Besides the astonishing view of the mountain chain of the Seaward Kaikoura Range you can enjoy your stay close to the bay of the Pacific Ocean. Whale watching is one of the biggest tourist attractions in town.

The company "Whale Watch" is using one of the modern catamarans for their tours. Their engines reduce the underwater noise because their propellers are located inside of the vessels. Aside from that the toilets keep the sea clean. The passenger cabin is surrounded

by big windows and a large plasma screen. Outside on deck you can get a remarkable view of the landscape and the water mammals.

To get a glimpse of the big sperm whales the crew locates them by their sound of rhythmic clicks, the sonar system. They use this ticking, to communicate with each other or simply to navigate.

Because where they live the water is pitch black they use "echolocation" instead of "eyesight" to locate their surroundings. With some special underwater microphones, so called hydrophones, the crew is able to pick up these sounds anywhere up to eight miles. If one of the whales is really close to the boat the sound of ticking is loud but the boat has to move closer to the sound when it's quite weak.

1. Welche Art von Booten werden für die Touren benutzt?

2. Welche Besonderheiten haben die Boote, die vor allem den Touristen nutzen?

3. Welche Laute produzieren die Pottwale?

4. Warum geben Pottwale diese Laute von sich?

5. Mit welcher Methode werden die Pottwale gefunden?
