

# Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt

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## Before Reading

Look at the cover together. Discuss what you know about narwhals. (Yes, they're real!) A narwhal is a medium-sized whale with a large tusk. To find out more, check out <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/n/narwhal>.

Look at the cover illustration. What are the characters wearing? Do you think this book is going to be about real narwhals?

## While Reading

As you read, pause to discuss the following:

What two things does Jelly tell Narwhal he will need to be Super Narwhal? (see pages 9 and 11) On page 15, Jelly asks Narwhal an important question. It takes them the rest of the book to answer it! What is the question? And what is the answer?

What's funny about Narwhal telling Jelly that he's about to go for a swim on page 7?

There are interesting facts about real sea creatures on pages 23–24. Talk about what surprises you about these super creatures.

On page 53, why does Jelly tell Narwhal that he's "one super friend"?

How does Jelly figure out Narwhal's superpower?

## After Reading

Revisit the book and read about all the sea creatures Super Narwhal helps. Can you recall a time when you helped a person or creature? What did you do? How did you feel afterward? Would you do it again?

### Literacy Tip

Like a comic book or a graphic novel, some of the pages in this book have panels. Panels are the boxes with illustrations and text. Are you confused about how to read them? First read the box at the top left-hand side. Next read the box on the top right-hand side. Keep reading in a "z" pattern until you reach the box on the bottom right-hand side of the page.

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## Think About It!

Narwhal and Jelly write a story together called “Super Waffle and Strawberry Sidekick!” The story ends just as a giant pickle is about to attack. Can you finish the story? On a piece of paper, make as many boxes as you need for your story. Then put on your super writer hat and create the rest of the story with text and illustrations.

## Get Up and Do It!

Now that you’ve written the scene for Narwhal, Jelly, and Pickle, it’s time to perform it! Decide who’s going to play which character—invite a friend or a pet. Stand up, shake out your arms and legs, and then act out your script. And if you get to the end of the scene and you want to keep going, make it up as you go along—that’s called improvisation!