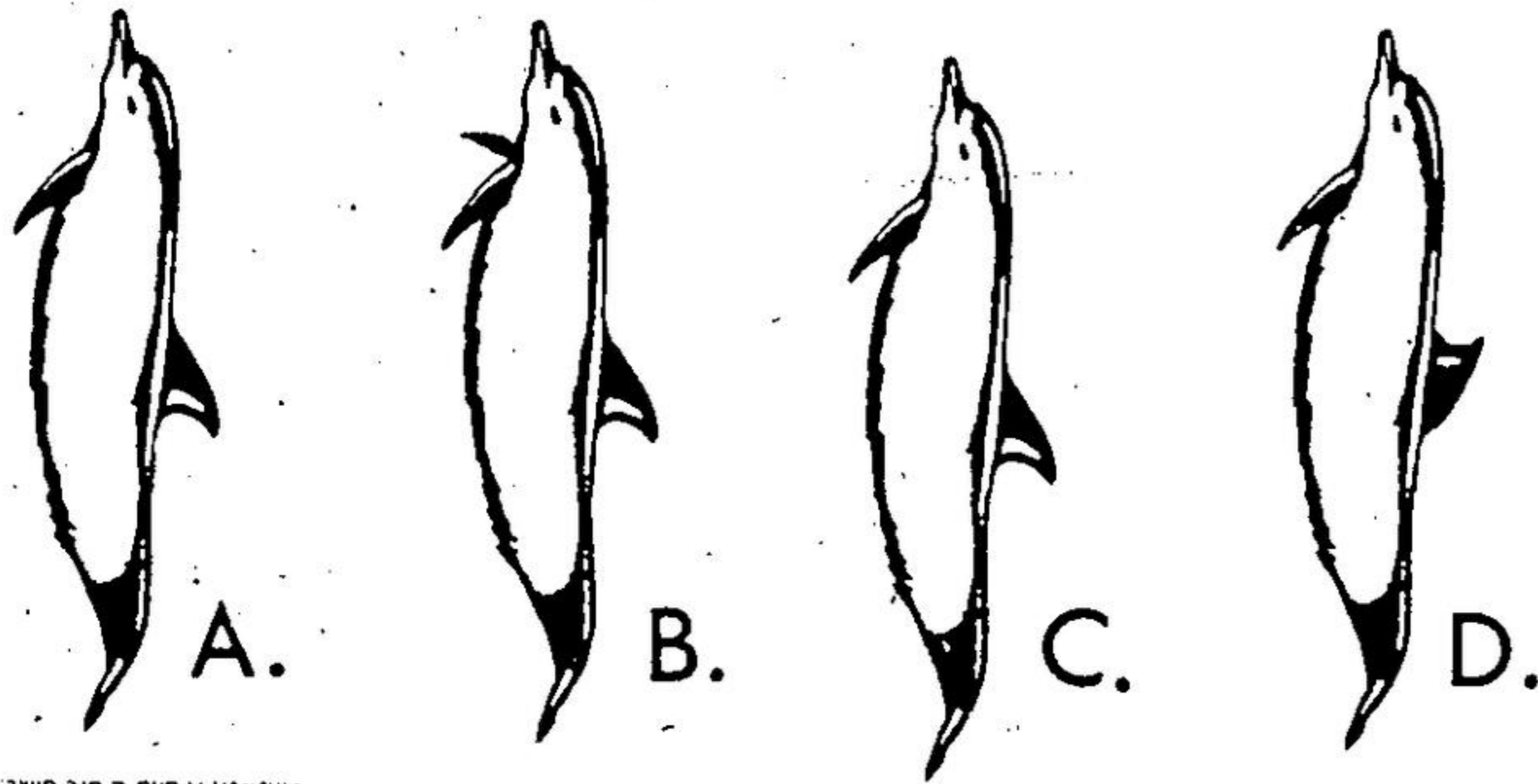


Young Outlook

Dolphin Look-Alikes

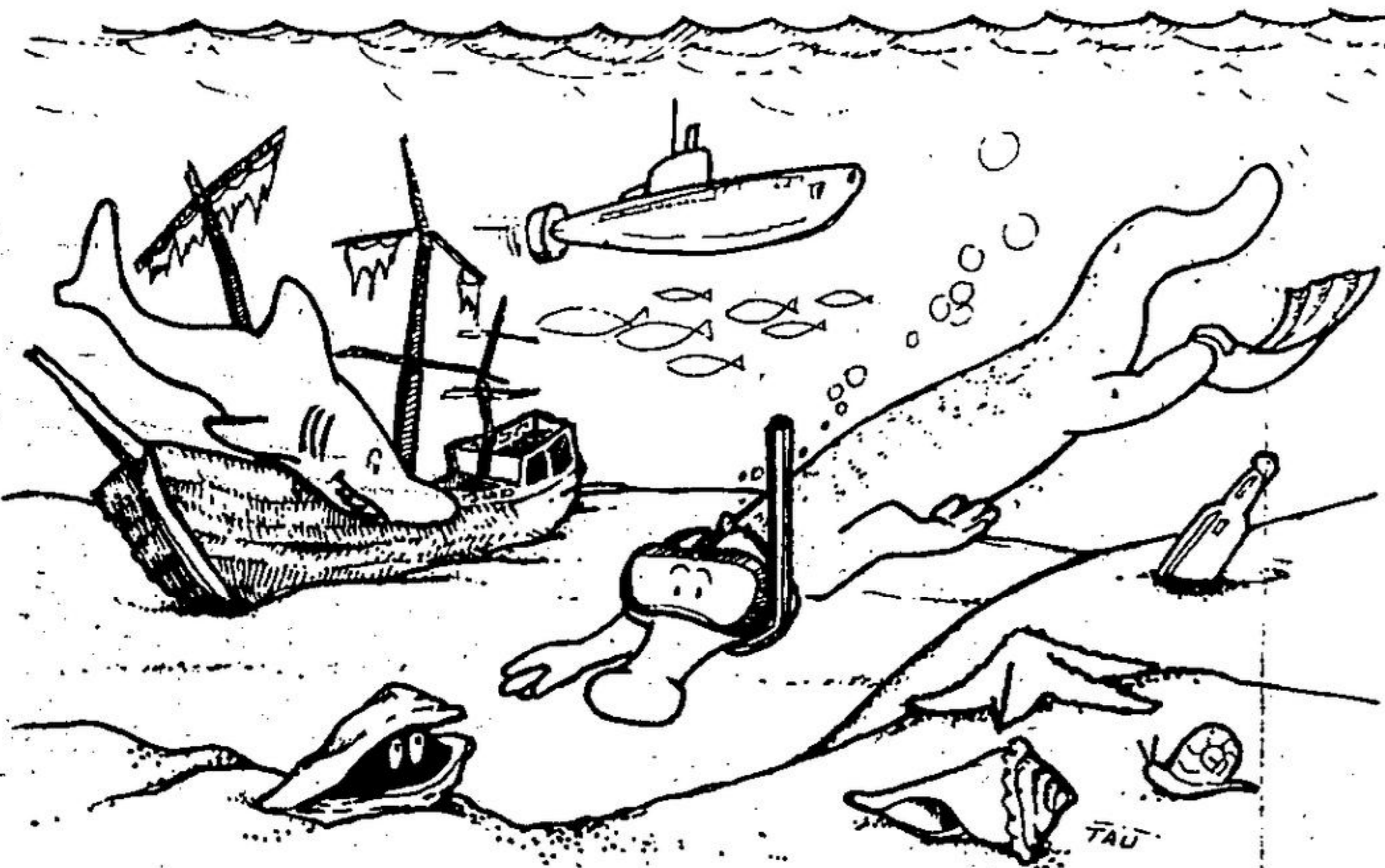
Most people do not think of dolphins and porpoises as whales, but scientists classify them as toothed whales because they have the same basic body features as other toothed whales. Look at the dolphins below and circle the two that are alike.



Answer: A and C are alike

SEA SEARCH

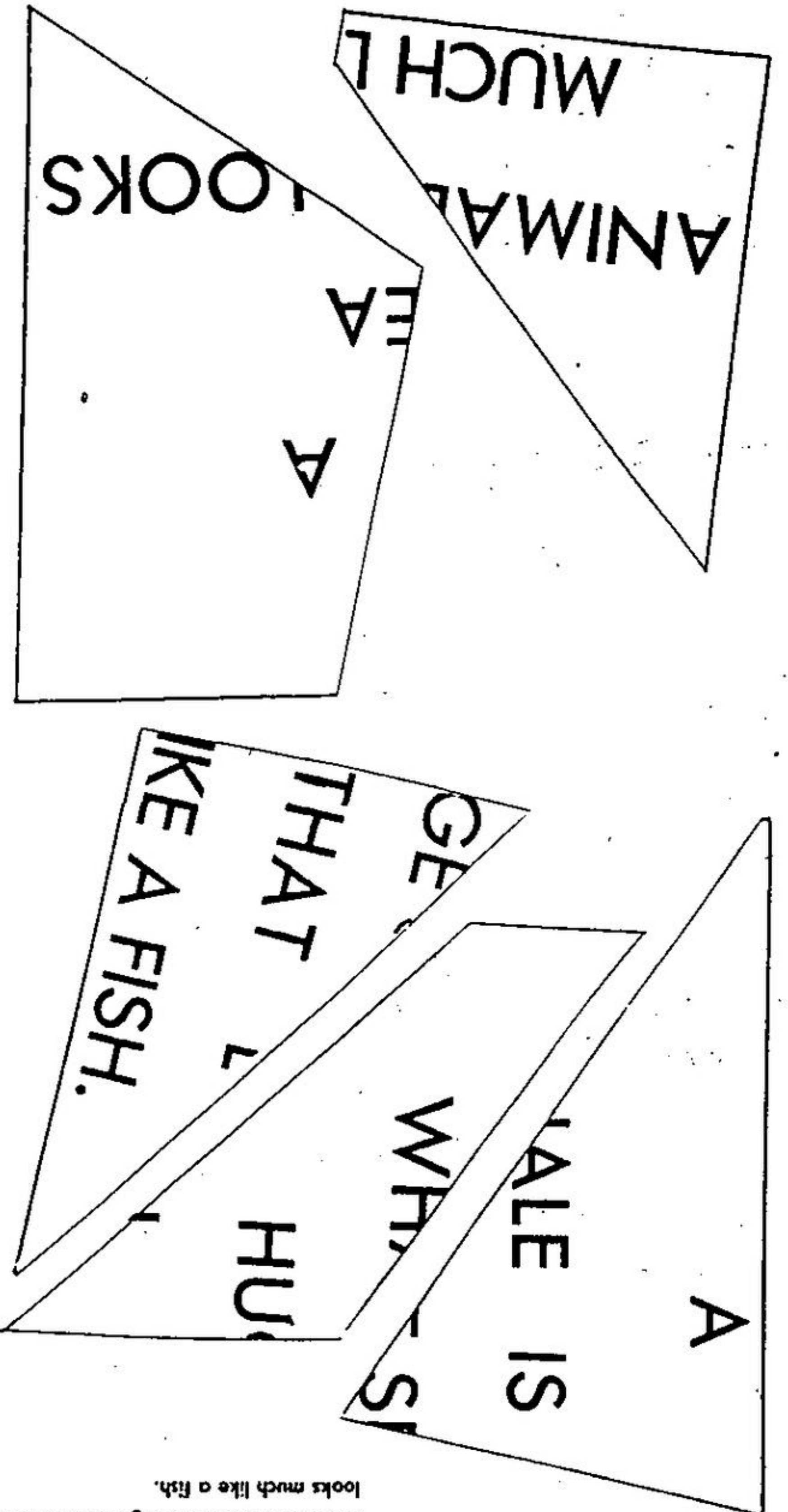
Alfie Alligator and his friend Sparky the shark are searching the sea for some interesting things. Help them out by finding seven things which begin with the letter "s" and circle them.



Answers: (sunken) ship, shell, snail, starfish, squid, snorkel, submarine, soft, school (of fish)

WHALE MESSAGE

Cut out the puzzle pieces below, fit them together, and you'll have a fact about whales.



Answer: A whale is a huge sea animal that looks much like a fish.



1. On January 27, 1948, it took 80 men more than three hours to weigh a 298,400-pound, 89-foot female blue whale.

2. Whales belong to a group of animals called mammals. They have a highly developed brain and so are among the most intelligent of all animals.

3. The blue whale is the largest animal that has ever lived. Blue whales may grow up to 100 feet long and weigh more than 100 short tons.

4. Toothed whales use their teeth only to capture prey, not to chew it. All toothed whales swallow their food whole. A ballen whale has no teeth.

5. Whales communicate with one another by making a wide variety of sounds called phonemes. Whales can easily hear these sounds over great distances.

6. The male whale is called a bull, the female a cow, and the baby a calf.

BOOKS

First Look At Whales by Millicent E. Selsam and Joyce Hunt. Gr. 3. This book explains what a whale is, how it differs from a fish, and how to identify different types of whales.

Burt Dow, Deep-Water Man by Robert McCloskey. All ages. Burt and his little boat have an adventure with a school of whales, gallons of paint, and a box of peppermint-striped band-aids!

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