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*Online games have become quite the rage now. Millions of youngsters, especially teenagers are getting addicted and consequently becoming more and more isolated and aloof from reality.*

*Recently, as you all must be aware, a game or rather a social media phenomenon known as the Blue Whale or the Blue Whale Challenge has been in the news. Governments and police in many countries have been investigating to gather proof of its links to many cases of teenage suicides. A boy in Mumbai and another in Kerala have been the latest victims. This game has been so devised by its Russian*

*creator that 50 tasks have to be performed in 50 days and photos posted online as proof of completion. Each task is worse than the other and the final challenge is to say goodbye to the world...i.e. commit suicide.*

*Parents have been warned of the dangers of their children falling victims to this game. Teenagers who are isolated from family and friends and have lost a sense of connect with the world are easy targets. Once caught in the trap, they cannot opt out. Threats of grievous harm to the players and their families prevent gamers from leaving the game before it ends. Watching horror movies and self cutting are among the vile acts that are part of the different levels of this vicious game.*

**Reading comprehension activities:**

**Activity one : Read the text and do as indicated.**

1/Give a suitable title the text.

2/The text is : a) descriptive b) narrative c) prescriptive

**Activity two : Read the text and say true false or not mentioned.**

B/1/ The challenge has claimed over 130 deaths so far.

2/The blue whale has been devised in Russia.

3/Participants who caught in the trap can leave the game before its end.

**Activity three : Read the text and answer the questions.**

1/What are the different levels of blue whale game?

2/Is committing suicide the final task or step in this challenge?

**Lexis:Read the text again and find synonyms to :**

*Depending on =.....*

*Evidence =.....*

*Withdraw (pull out) =.....*

**Mastery of lge activities**

**Activity one : Pick out from the text (1) regular and (1) irregular verb and give their infinitive**

<i>Regular verb</i>	<i>infinitive</i>	<i>Irregular verb</i>	<i>infinitive</i>
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**Activity two : Complete the passage with : game - year -who- oxygen**

*the Choking Game, this challenge gained popularity among teenagers .....deliberately began choking themselves to deprive their brain of ..... to experience euphoria. They would stop just in time and pass out to feel the 'high'. The ..... is estimated to have claimed 250 to 1,000 lives every ..... in the US.*

**Pronunciation:Pick out from the text words with these diphthongs**

<i>/au/</i>	<i>/ei/</i>	<i>/oi/</i>	<i>/ai/</i>
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**Situation of integration :**

*The blue whale challenge and other online games like; theChubby bunny and Sinnamon challenges has been a social worry. Your classmate is addicted to violent games ; give him /her some recommendations and show him/her how to be selective and careful.*