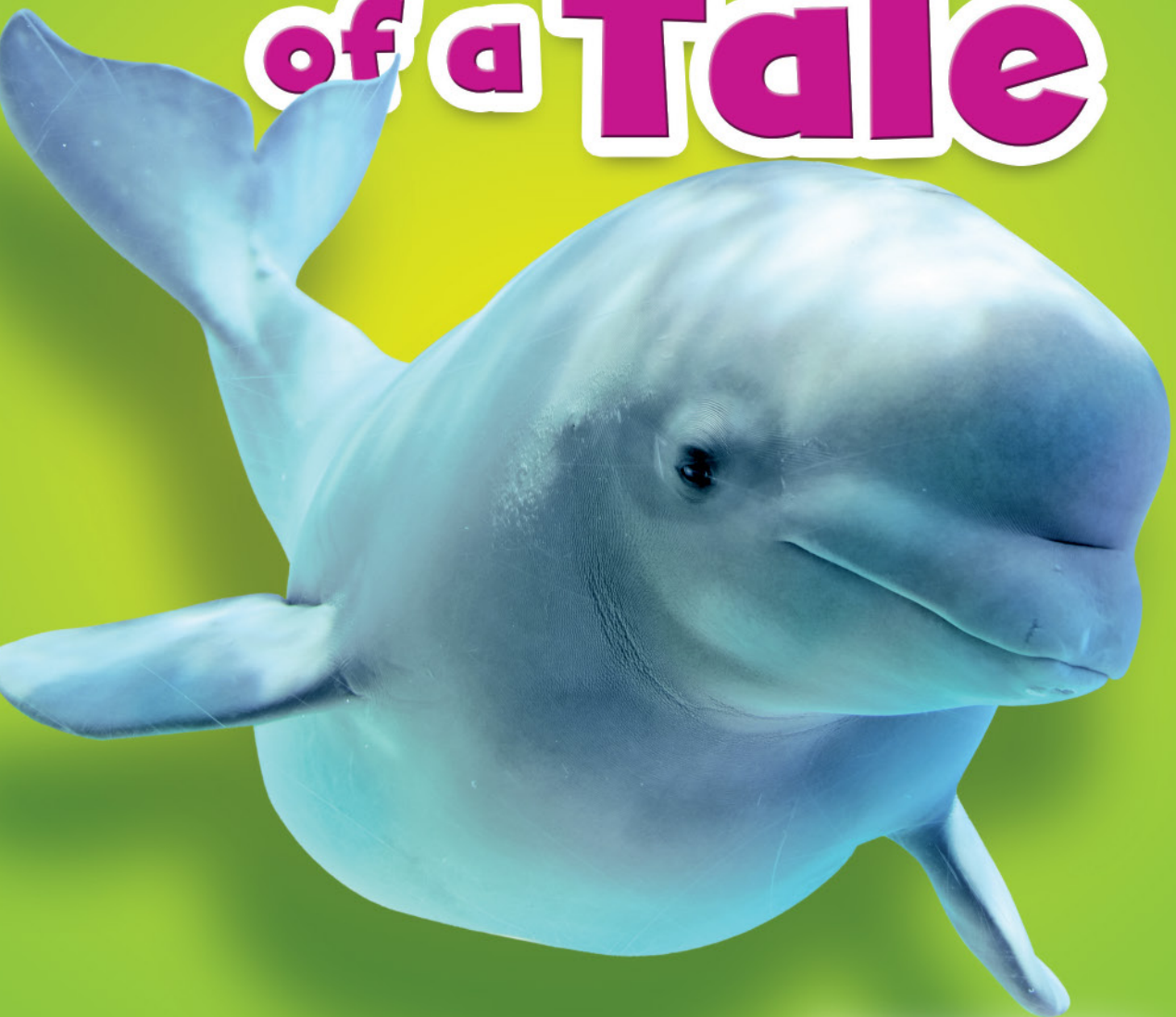


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This is Marco,  
a cute baby  
**whale.**





His smile is bright,  
and his color  
is **pale**.

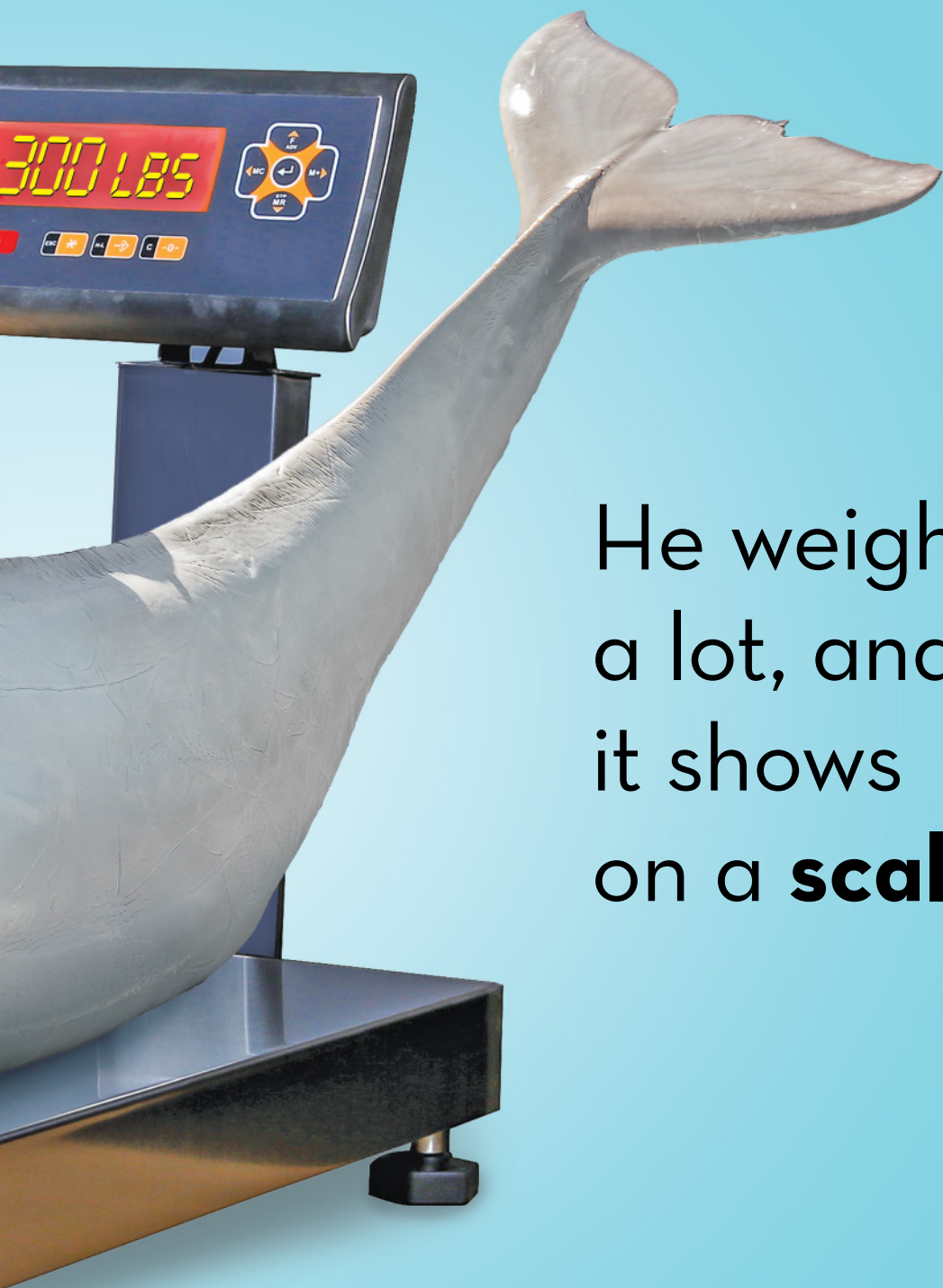












He weighs  
a lot, and  
it shows  
on a **scale.**

# Teaching Tips

## Before Reading

- ✓ Introduce rhyming words and the **-ale** word family to readers.
- ✓ Guide readers on a “picture walk” through the text by asking them to name the things shown.
- ✓ Discuss book structure by showing children where text will appear consistently on pages. Highlight the supportive pattern of the book.

## During Reading

- ✓ Encourage readers to “read with your finger” and point to each word as it is read. Stop periodically to ask children to point to a specific word in the text.
- ✓ Reading strategies: When encountering unknown words, prompt readers with encouraging cues such as:
  - **Does that word look like a word you already know?**
  - **Does it rhyme with another word you have already read?**

## After Reading

- ✓ Write the key words on index cards.
  - **Have readers match them to pictures in the book.**
- ✓ Ask readers to identify their favorite page in the book. Have them read that page aloud.
- ✓ Choose an **-ale** word. Ask children to pick a word that rhymes with it.
- ✓ Ask children to create their own rhymes using **-ale** words. Encourage them to use the same pattern found in the book.

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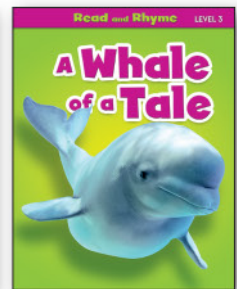
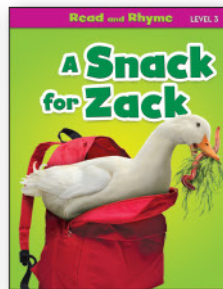
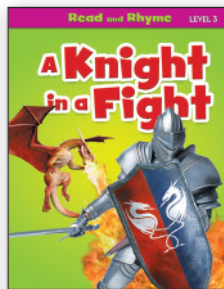
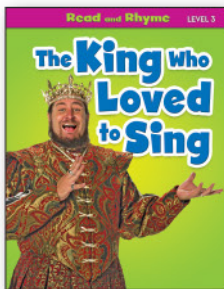
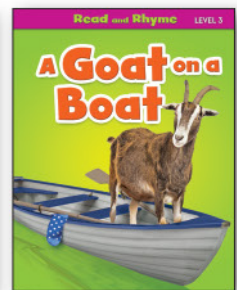
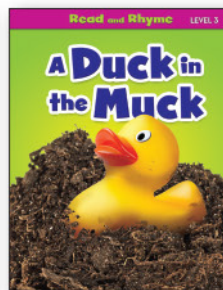
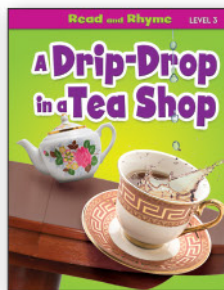
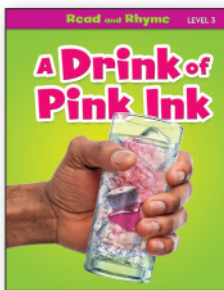
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