News!

1.	Listen to the recording. The accent you'll hear is Carlota from England. Really try and
	focus and concentrate on what you are listening to. Don't panic if you can't understand
	every word. Try and see if you can understand the general idea. Feel free to take notes
	and then after you've heard it once, tell me about what you have heard.

- 2. Now listen again for more specific details and be ready to answer questions about what you have heard.
 - a. What type of whales did you hear about?
 - b. How old are they?
 - c. Where were these whales held in captivity?
 - d. Where are the whales now?
 - e. How long and how much do the whales weigh?
 - f. How far were they flown?
 - g. How long was the journey?
 - h. What were they flown in?
 - i. What is the sex of the two whales?
 - j. What were their names?
 - k. Where were the whales in 2011.
 - I. What did Andy Bool say?
 - m. What do conservationists hope will happen in the future?
 - n. How many whales and dolphins are held in captivity?
 - o. Now let's check the vocabulary:

captivity purpose built sanctuary open water

delighted

housed

Recording No. 3 – Carlota – English:

Two 12-year-old beluga whales that spent years in captivity entertaining humans at an aquarium in Shanghai, China, have found freedom at an open water sanctuary in Iceland.

The four-metre-long whales, which each weigh about 900kg, were flown 6,000 miles for over 30 hours in a 747-aircraft fitted with purpose-built containers from Changfeng Ocean World to a sanctuary in a bay on Iceland's Heimaey Island.

The whales, both females and previously known as Little Grey and Little White, will enjoy open water for the first time since they left a Russian whale research centre in 2011.

Andy Bool, head of the charity Sea Life Trust, said: "We're delighted that they are safely in their sea sanctuary care pools." Conservationists hope the sanctuary will be a model for rehoming 3,000 whales and dolphins currently housed in traditional captive facilities or performing in shows.