Whaling refers to the hunting and killing of whales by humans for their resources. Some groups maintain that whaling has scientific value, providing vital information about the habits and adaptations of large migratory sea creatures. Others contend that whaling provides a significant income for nations who trade in whale oil and highly-prized whale meat. However, whaling should no longer be tolerated and must become a practice of the past. Regardless of the arguments put forth, the fact remains that whaling is a cruel and barbaric practice, it threatens the existence of numerous endangered whale species, and has impacted the balance of the ocean.

Rewrite using stronger modality:

Whaling is the cruel torturing and the brutal slaughtering of innocent whales by beastly humans for financial gain. The Japanese whaling say that whaling is only used for scientific research but others believe that they benefit financially from it. Whaling should no longer be tolerated as that be a practice of the past. The facts are that whaling is cruel and barbaric, the numbers of whales are in peril and the healthy ecosystem is in danger.
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