

Whales





Whales are the biggest animals on the planet, even bigger than elephants!



The blue whale is the largest animal in the world. It's about 94 feet long. That's as long as a basketball court!



Whales live
in all the
oceans on
the planet.

They can
live in both
warm and
cold water.



Whales are mammals just like cows or tigers or people.

Whales give birth to live babies and feed their babies milk.



Different whales eat different things.
Sperm whales eat giant squid and fish.
Blue whales eat little shrimplike things
called krill.



Whales can swim underwater for a long time but they must come up to the top to breathe air. They have blowholes on the top of their heads to help them breathe.



Whales sing songs to talk to one another, but they don't use their mouths. They only make sounds with their blowholes.



Whales often jump out of the water. No one knows why they do this, but some people think it is a way of talking to each other.



Whales don't have fins like fish do. They have flippers and a strong tail that help them swim long distances.



When winter comes, whales travel to where the water is warmer. They swim in big groups and can travel up to 3,000 miles.



Don't be fooled by the killer whale! The name might trick you to think it's a whale, but killer whales are a kind of dolphin.



It's an amazing thing to see a whale. But I don't think I'd want to get this close!

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