

# FANTASTIC WHALE FACTS!

Fill in the gaps with the missing words to discover amazing facts about whales! The first letter is given for you. Good luck!

Whales are m\_\_\_\_\_. The biggest species of whale is the B\_\_\_\_\_ whale. They are divided into two groups called baleen and toothed whales. Baleen whales have a comb like fringe on their top jaw instead of teeth to filter small fish and plankton.

Whales can speak to each other through song. They also use sounds that echo around the ocean bouncing off the sea beds, reefs and other animals to find prey. This is called e\_\_\_\_\_.

A lot of whales tend to travel across many oceans for food and to find a mate. This is called m\_\_\_\_\_. The ocean can be warm in tropical areas, or extremely cold in places like the Arctic. This is why whales need a thick layer of skin called blubber to keep them warm.

The Killer Whale is not a whale, it is actually a type of d\_\_\_\_\_. It is the largest of the dolphins. Dolphins can be very acrobatic, meaning they like to swim fast and play in the waves. They also like to swim in big families called p\_\_\_\_\_.

Dolphins and whales do not have gills like fish do. Instead, they come to the surface of the water to breathe through their b\_\_\_\_\_.

echolocation

mammals

dolphin

Blue

pods

cold

migrating

blowhole

# WHALE QUIZ!

Can you use the fact sheet to figure out whether these statements are true or false?

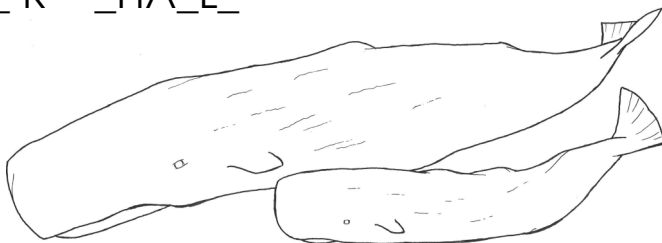
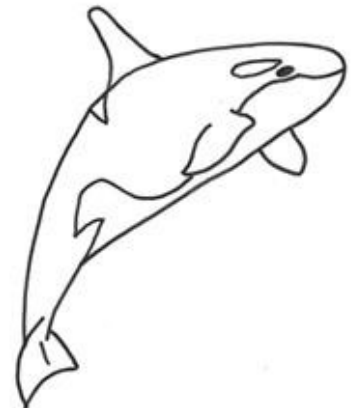
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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Some whales sing to each other.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Whales have a thick layer of blubber to keep them warm.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Whales are fish.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Some whales use echolocation to find their prey.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Blue whales are the largest whale species.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Dolphins live in groups.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. All whales and dolphins live in the same place all their life. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Whales can breathe under water.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Can you fill in the missing letters then draw a line to match the species to the drawings? Why not colour them in too!

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K\_L\_\_R \_HA\_L\_



SPE\_M WH\_L\_



H\_M\_B\_C\_ W\_AL\_