

ENGLISH 4YOU Academy

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Reading comprehension

Whales

Whales have been swimming in the oceans for millions of years. They are large, gentle mammals. Whales are warm-blooded and have no fur. They have a thick layer of fatty blubber to keep them warm.

Toothed whales have teeth. Baleen whales have no teeth. Humpback whales and blue whales have no teeth. They sieve tiny sea creatures called krill into their mouths. Killer whales have teeth. They will eat almost anything in the sea.

Whales swim by moving their tails up and down. They must swim to the surface of the water to breathe air.

Whales make lots of different sounds. They squeal, groan, yip, and wail. These sounds travel through the water and can be heard from a long way away.

A baby whale is called a calf. They are born with very little blubber so females usually give birth in warm seas.

Answer the questions:

1. How long have whales been swimming in the oceans?

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2. Are whales warm-blooded or cold-blooded?

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3. Whales have a thick layer of fat. What is it called?

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4. Blue whales feed on tiny creatures called:

a prawns **c** seaweed **b** krill **d** ants

5. How do whales swim?

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6. Why do whales swim to the surface of the water?

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7. Write down three different sounds that whales can make.

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8. What is a baby whale called?

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