

Read the text below and answer questions 1 to 8.

The blue whale is not only the largest animal on Earth, it is the largest animal that has ever existed on the planet. At 30 meters and 180,000 kilograms, an adult blue whale is longer than two badminton courts and heavier than 15 school buses, although its brain weighs only 7 kilograms. In addition, the heart of a blue whale is so large that an adult human could crawl through the blood vessels.

The blue whale feeds on microscopic animals known as krill, and can eat over 3,000 kilograms of them in a single day, swallowing huge quantities of water and filtering the krill out using giant brush-like filters in its mouth. The whale will hold its breath and dive up to 300 meters deep to feed.

While the cold waters of the south pole are their feeding grounds, blue whales swim to the equator to breed, which they do every two or three years. A newborn blue whale is about 7 meters long and weighs about 3,000 kg, and can grow as much as 90 kilograms every 24 hours.

Their size and power make blue whales extremely difficult to hunt, but that does not deter every predator. The killer whale, or orca, often attempts to attack the blue whale in packs despite being significantly smaller. Blue whales have also collided with ships due to the amount of man-made noise present in the ocean interfering with their hearing, which is how whales navigate the seas.

Questions 1 to 8

Complete the following table. Choose **no more than three words and/or number** from the text for each answer.

The Blue Whale

Length	1 _____
Weight	2 _____
Feeding grounds	3 _____
Feeds on	4 _____
Breeding grounds	5 _____
Weight and length of newborn blue whale	6 _____ 7 _____
Threats	8 _____