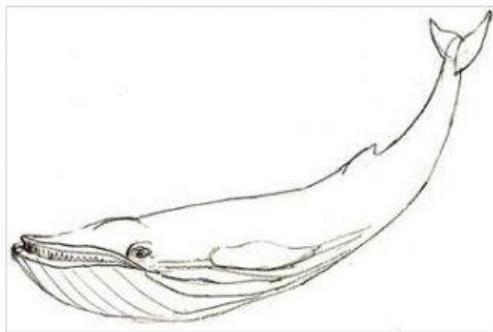


Form 5 Unit 8 Reading

Whales

Do you know what animal is the biggest in the world? It is a blue whale. A blue whale is so long that five elephants in a row (*в ряд*) could stand on its back.



Whales look like (*похожи*) big fish. But they are not fish. They are mammals (*млекопитающие*) - whale babies eat their mother's milk. Whales live in the ocean and spend all the time in the water. They can swim and dive (*нырять*) very well. But they need air (*нужен воздух*).

Do all big whales eat big fish? No, blue whales eat plankton - the smallest things in the ocean. Some of the whales eat fish and crabs.

Many years ago there were a lot of blue whales in the seas. But people hunted them for many years. Now there aren't many whales on our planet.

Task 1 *True or False.*

1. Blue whales are the biggest animals in the world.
2. A blue whale is bigger than an elephant.
3. Whales are fish.
4. Whale babies eat fish and plankton.
5. Whales spend all the time in the water.
6. They don't need (*не нуждаются*) air.
7. Now there are a lot of blue whales in the world.

Task 2 *Answer the questions*

1. Where do whales live?
2. Are whales fish?
3. What do whale babies eat?
4. What can whales do?
5. Did people hunt whales?
6. Are there many whales in the world now?