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Read about more marine animals and answer t (true) or f (false).

## GIANTS OF THE OCEAN!



There are certainly some dangerous and unusual animals in the ocean, but did you know that some of the world's biggest animals also live there?

The whale shark is the biggest fish of all. Although it can be 12 metres long, it mostly eats small fish and other tiny sea creatures. It catches them by swimming along with its mouth open!

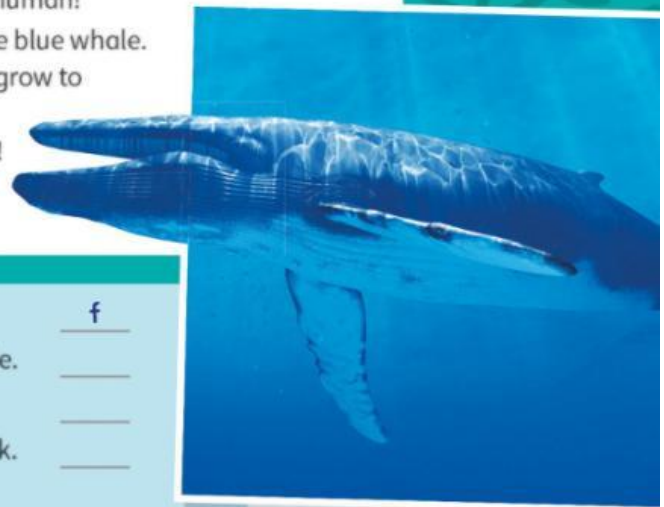
The largest reptile on Earth is the saltwater crocodile, which also lives in the sea. It can be up to 6 metres long. It eats anything it can find – including monkeys and even sharks. Some people say it is the animal most likely to eat a human!

The ocean is also home to the largest creature ever to live: the blue whale.

A baby blue whale can be over 7 metres long, but adults can grow to 30 metres long. They can weigh more than 130,000 kg.

That's longer than three buses and heavier than three lorries!

The blue whale also eats tiny sea creatures – around 40 million of them every day!



- 1 The whale shark eats other sharks.
- 2 A baby blue whale is longer than a saltwater crocodile.
- 3 The blue whale is the biggest animal of all.
- 4 The saltwater crocodile is longer than the whale shark.
- 5 The whale shark is a fish.
- 6 The saltwater crocodile is not a meat-eater.

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Choose one of the animals in Activity 4 and complete the fact file.

**Marine animal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of animal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eats:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unusual fact:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Read and answer.

- 1 What animal did you choose?

- 2 Is it a reptile, a fish or a mammal?

- 3 Write three facts you found out about it: