



Marine Mammal Baffle

A Whales Today Science Quiz



ANSWERS to Marine Mammal Baffle quiz questions.

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- 1. What is the average length of a Blue Whale in the northern hemisphere?**
D. 75-80 ft That's about 1/3 the length of an American football field. Blue Whales in the southern hemisphere have an average length of 90-100 ft. [Learn more.](#)
- 2. On average, how far do Gray Whales migrate each year?**
D. 10,000 miles That's about as far as the distance from New York City to Sydney, Australia. [Learn more.](#)
- 3. What type of whale was Moby-Dick?**
B. Sperm Whale Moby Dick was inspired by a real sperm whale named Mocha Dick, who was described by a U.S. naval officer as a great whale that was "white as wool." [Learn more.](#)
- 4. What is the most massive animal to ever live on Earth?**
A. Blue Whale There are a couple of animals, one extinct, one not, that are longer. However, none have been heavier. [Learn more.](#)
- 5. What is the closest living relative to the whale?**
C. Hippopotamus The common ancestor of the hippo and whale lived on earth 50 million years ago. [Learn more.](#)

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6. Which cetacean is known as the “Wolf of the Ocean?”

B. Orca/Killer Whale Orcas are fierce hunters. They are cetaceans and belong to the Delphinidae family (oceanic dolphins). [Learn more.](#)

7. What is the smallest whale in the world?

D. Dwarf Sperm Whale It has an average length of 7.1 ft. The Dwarf Sperm Whale has a distinctive underslung jaw, not unlike a shark. [Learn more.](#)

8. About how many North Atlantic Right Whales remain on Earth??

D. 400 The North Atlantic Right Whale is one of the most endangered of all large whales. [Learn more.](#)

9. The “forehead” of toothed whales is called the...?

A. Melon The melon serves to focus and amplify sounds of communication. It sits on top of the skull, in front of the eye.. [Learn more.](#)

10. How much does the heart of a fully grown Blue Whale weigh?

D. 1,300 lbs That’s about the weight of a male polar bear, and about as big as a Volkswagen Beetle. [Learn more.](#)