NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM

WHALES GIANTS OF THE OCEAN

Whales: Giants of the Ocean Lesson 4 - **How Big Are Whales?**

Table 1

Cetacean	Average Length In feet (in meters)	Number of students lying head to toe that would equal the length of this whale	Number of other objects that would equal the length of this whale
Blue whale	100 ft (30m)		
Finback whale	80 ft (24m)		
Right whale	60 ft (18m)		
Sperm whale	55 ft (17m)		
Humpback whale	50 ft (15m)		
Minke whale and Orca	30 ft (9m)		
Additional Sizes and Lengths			
Beluga	15 ft (4.6m)		
Blue whale – calf	25 ft (7.6m)		
Bowhead	55 ft (16.8m)		
Common dolphin	6 ft (1.8m)		
Cuvier's beaked Whale	20 ft (6m)		
Gray Whale	45 ft (13.7m)		
Harbor porpoise	5 ft (1.7m)		
Right whale – calf	12 ft (3.7m)		
Risso's dolphin	10 ft (3m)		

