

WHALES GIANTS OF THE OCEAN

Formative Assessment Teacher Key

Big Ideas

M = Mammals are a group of animals with certain things in common.

A = Adaptations to living in the ocean and surviving.

S = Sound is a kind of energy that bounces off of things and can travel through water.

C = Caring for our earth and its living things is important.

Great Things About Cetaceans

A Whales eat tons of tiny bug-like animals and small fish.

A Whales have bodies shaped like torpedoes, and tails that move up and down.

C Hunting whales is now against the law because many whale species are endangered.

A Some whales have teeth and some have baleen.

S Whales can sing songs to communicate with each other.

A Whales have special fat called blubber.

M Whales have to come to the surface to breathe.

M Whales give birth to live young.

S Echolocation helps some whales locate food.