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Whales Live in the Sea

Circle group

A whale lives in the sea. A whale is not a fish. A whale is a mammal. It breathes air, like you.

A whale has a blowhole on its head. It comes up to the top of the water to breathe. Whoosh! Air and mist shoot up.

A baby whale drinks milk from its mother. Some whales are very big. The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived.

Whales sing. Their songs go far under the water.

Questions

1. Where does a whale live?

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2. What kind of animal is a whale?

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3. What is the hole on a whale's head called?

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4. What does a baby whale drink?

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5. Why does a whale come up to the top?

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6. Which whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived?

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Words to know

mammal: an animal that breathes air and feeds milk to its babies
blowhole: the hole on a whale's head that it breathes through
mist: a cloud of tiny drops of water

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Whales Live in the Sea

Triangle group

A whale lives in the sea, but a whale is not a fish. A whale is a mammal. It breathes air, just like you.

A whale has a hole on top of its head called a blowhole. It comes up to the top of the water to breathe. Whoosh! Air and mist shoot up.

A baby whale drinks milk from its mother. Some whales are very big. The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived.

Whales sing, too. Their songs can travel far under the water.

Questions

1. Where does a whale live?

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2. What kind of animal is a whale?

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3. What is the hole on top of a whale's head called?

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4. What does a baby whale drink?

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5. Why does a whale come up to the top of the water?

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6. Which whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived?

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Words to know

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mist: a cloud of tiny drops of water
travel: to go from one place to another

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Whales Live in the Sea

Square group

A whale makes its home in the sea, yet a whale is not a fish. It is a mammal, which means it breathes air, just as you do.

On top of its head, a whale has an opening called a blowhole. The whale swims up to the surface of the water to breathe. Whoosh! Air and mist shoot high into the sky.

A baby whale drinks milk from its mother. Some whales are enormous, and the blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived.

Whales sing, too, and their songs can travel a long way under the water.

Questions

1. Where does a whale make its home?

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2. What kind of animal is a whale?

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3. What is the opening on top of a whale's head called?

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4. What does a baby whale drink?

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5. Why does the whale swim up to the surface of the water?

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6. Which whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived?

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For the teacher: Whales Live in the Sea

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Whales Live in the Sea

Easier · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. In the sea.
2. A mammal.
3. A blowhole.
4. Milk from its mother.
5. It needs to breathe air.
6. The blue whale.

Triangle: Whales Live in the Sea

This passage · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. In the sea.
2. A mammal.
3. A blowhole.
4. Milk from its mother.
5. It needs to breathe air.
6. The blue whale.

Square: Whales Live in the Sea

Harder · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.7

1. In the sea.
2. A mammal, not a fish.
3. A blowhole.
4. Milk from its mother.
5. It needs to breathe air.
6. The blue whale.