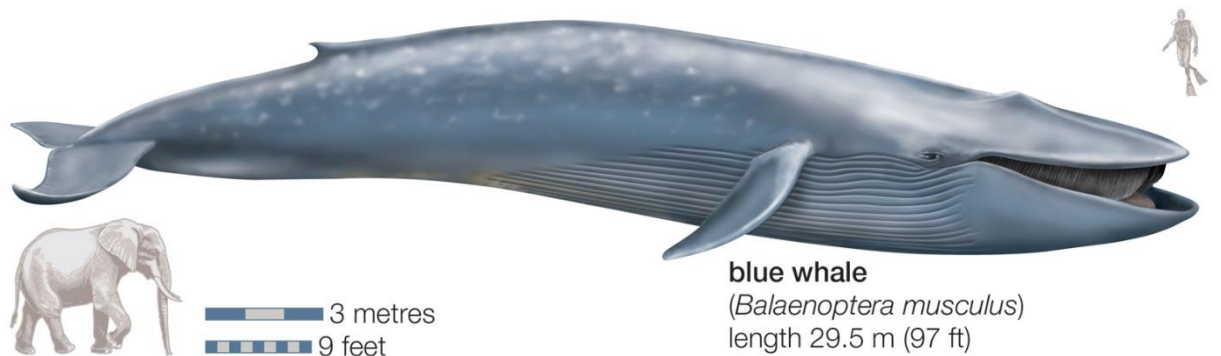


## Whales



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Whales are large ocean mammals. Whales cannot breathe underwater. They must come up to the surface of the water to get air. The air is breathed in and out through their "blowhole," which is on their back. When whales sleep, they stay at the top of the water, with their blowhole above the surface.

Whales live in large groups called "pods." Whales eat **krill**, a small ocean animal that looks like shrimp. A whale can eat as much as two tons (2,000 pounds) of krill a day.



A baby whale is called a "calf." Blue Whales and Killer Whales can be found in every ocean around the world. The Blue Whale is the largest animal on Earth. It is larger than any of the dinosaurs! Baleen whales are "toothless" whales.

Fish swim by moving their tails from left to right, but whales swim by moving their tails up and down.