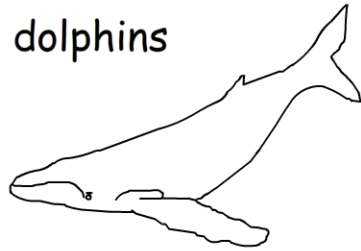


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Theme Based Study Sheet

Whales and dolphins



Are the following statements true or false?

Whales, dolphins, and porpoises are mammals that breathe air.

The blue whale is believed to be the largest animal ever to have lived.

A sperm whale can hold its breath for at least an hour.

Whales and dolphins are some of the smartest animals in the world.

The largest dolphin is the "killer whale" (also known as Orca).

Dolphins use sounds and whistles to communicate.

Dolphins live in groups called pods.

Dolphins have very good hearing and eyesight.

Collective nouns

A collective noun is a word used to describe a group of objects.

A group of whales or dolphins is called a "pod".

Match the animal with its collective noun.

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|-----------|--------|
| bees | pride |
| crows | school |
| emus | herd |
| fish | swarm |
| geese | pack |
| wolves | colony |
| lions | murder |
| elephants | gaggle |
| wolves | mob |
| bats | pack |

Number cruncher

If a whale's average speed during migration is 8 kph, How far will it travel in:

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 4 hours? | 12 hours? |
| 1 day? | 1 week? |

Extension research

What are the main differences between whales, dolphins and porpoises?

Why is pollution a danger to whales and dolphins?

What predators do dolphins and whales have?

Drawing

On a separate page, draw a picture of a whale "breaching".



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