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# Whales



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**I read it:** ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1 Whales live in the sea, but they are not fish. Whales **breathe** air, just like you.

2 A whale swims up to the top of the water to **breathe.** Air goes in and out of a **blowhole** on top of its head.

3 The blue whale is the **biggest** animal that has ever lived. It is about as long as two school buses!

**How did I do?** ☆ ☆ ☆

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# Whales: questions

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🎯 **I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.**

## 1 Circle the best answer

**1. Where do whales live?**

(a) on land (b) in the sea (c) in a pond

**2. How does a whale breathe?**

(a) through a blowhole (b) through gills (c) through its tail

**3. What is the biggest animal ever?**

(a) the shark (b) the blue whale (c) the elephant

## 2 Yes or no? Circle one.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whales breathe air. | Yes | No |
| Whales are fish. | Yes | No |
| The blue whale is very small. | Yes | No |

**How did I do?** ☆ ☆ ☆

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# Whales: words and writing

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## 1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

| | |
|---|---|
| breathe | take air in and out |
| blowhole | a hole for breathing |
| biggest | larger than all the rest |

## 2 Write your answer.

How does a whale get air?

## 3 Draw and label something you learned.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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# Answer key: Whales

## 1 Circle the best answer

1. b) in the sea
2. a) through a blowhole
3. b) the blue whale

## 2 Yes or no

Yes: Whales breathe air.

No: Whales are fish.

No: The blue whale is very small.

## 3 Word meanings

breathe: take air in and out

blowhole: a hole for breathing

biggest: larger than all the rest

## 4 Written answer (sample) 💡

A whale swims up and breathes through its blowhole.



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