

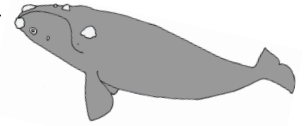
WHICH WHALE?



Museum of
Natural
History

Find the aisle where the whale skeletons are hanging from the roof.

Have a whale
of a time!

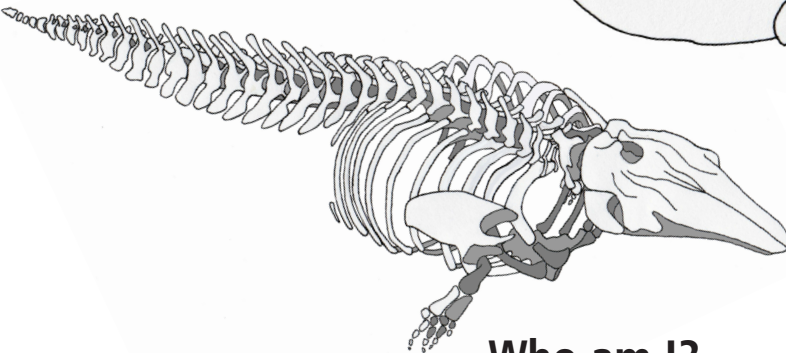


Can you match the skeletons to their names?

The whales you need to find are...

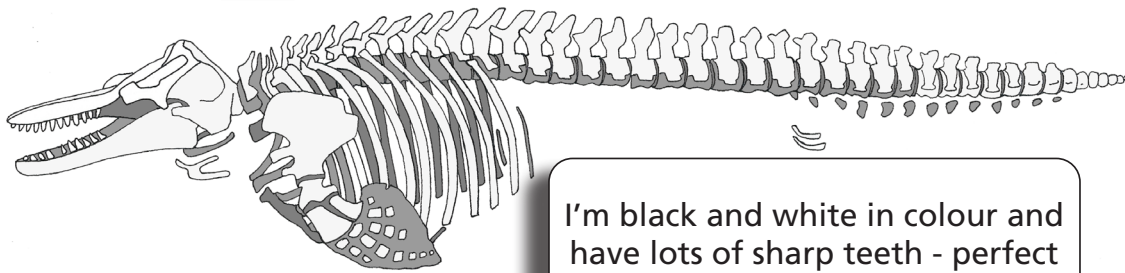
- Bottlenose whale
- Minke whale
- Beluga whale
- Orca or 'killer whale'
- Bottlenose dolphin (really whale!)

Although they look like fish, whales are mammals just like us. This means they give birth to live young - they don't lay eggs. The largest animal that has ever lived on Earth is the Blue Whale; it is larger than any of the giant dinosaurs!



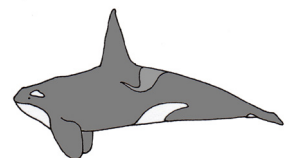
Who am I?

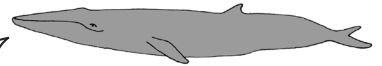
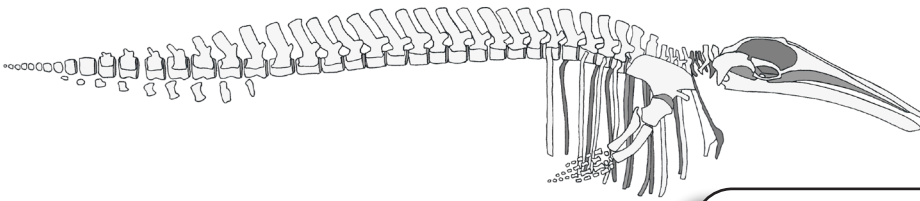
White whale, sea canary and melonhead are some of my names. People say I look cheery because of my wide smiley mouth. Can you guess why I am white in colour?
Clue: I live where it's cold!



Who am I?

I'm black and white in colour and have lots of sharp teeth - perfect for capturing and tearing my food. Can you see the 'hand' bones inside my fins? Did you know I am sometimes spotted in waters around the UK?

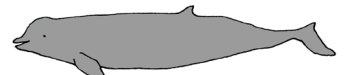
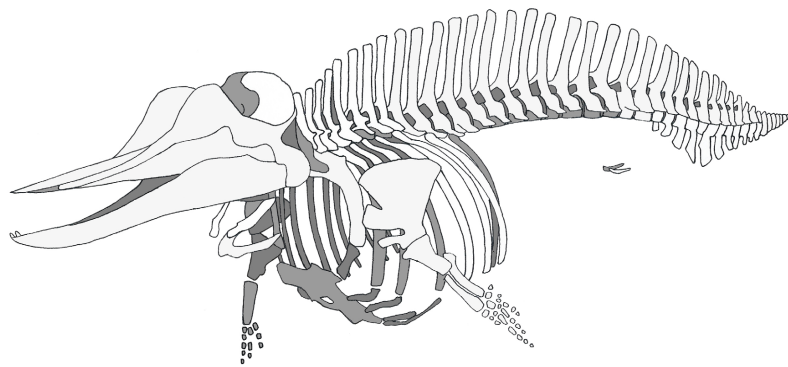




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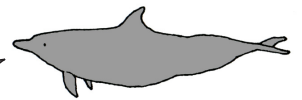
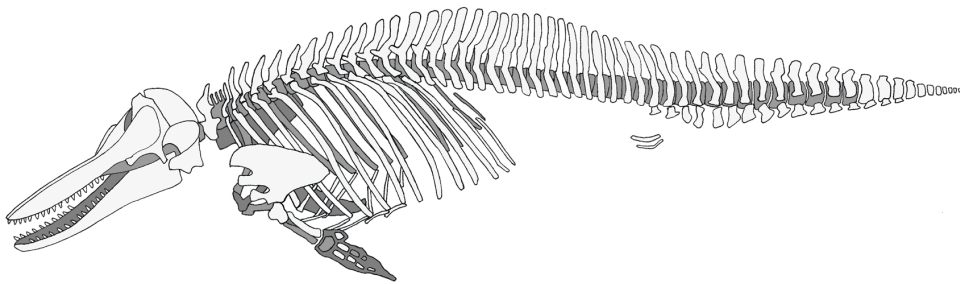
Look, I don't have teeth! I have plates in my mouth called baleen that sift out all the little animals I like to eat from the seawater such as plankton, krill (little shrimps) and small fish.



Who am I?

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I love to gobble fish and squid but also enjoy a succulent star fish from time to time! I'm the biggest whale in this aisle.



Who am I?

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Despite my name, I'm a whale too! I'm just a type of toothed whale with a 'beak'. I'm very talkative and you may have heard the clicking and whistling sounds I make to communicate. Can you see the trace of my ancestors' leg bones at the back? This shows they used to walk on land!

Congratulations! You've completed the Which Whale? Challenge

