



# Whales

### Whale News!

Baby whales are born underwater. Soon after, they are taken to the surface to breathe and seek out their mother to drink from her nipple. The milk is very rich and helps the young calf grow quickly. When born, the Blue Whale weighs over 2 1/2 tonnes and is about 6 - 7 metres long.



### Whale Travel

Most whales migrate long distances each year in summer to the Arctic and Antarctic. In winter they return to warmer waters, like those around Australia, to give birth. They eat very little during their migration to warmer waters and tend to draw nourishment from their blubber (fat around their bodies).

### Let's wail together

Whales have been swimming in our oceans for twenty-five million years. It's a sad thing indeed that in the last 150 years whalers have brought them to the verge of extinction.



### Park Whales

Last winter Southern Right Whales were spotted in the seas next to Port Campbell National Park. Many different whales have been sighted and sometimes stranded on the coast of Victoria. Watch carefully for whales next time you visit the beach.



### Whale of a Test

Guess which answer is correct

#### A whale is a ...

- mammal
- fish
- dinosaur

#### The blue whale is ...

- the fifth largest animal to live on earth
- the largest animal to live on our planet
- smaller than a toad fish

#### Whales stay warm in icy waters because ...

- they have blubber under their skin
- they are cold blooded
- they don't feel the cold



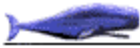
#### A baby whale is called ...

- a calf
- a whale
- a baleen

#### Whales can stay underwater for ...

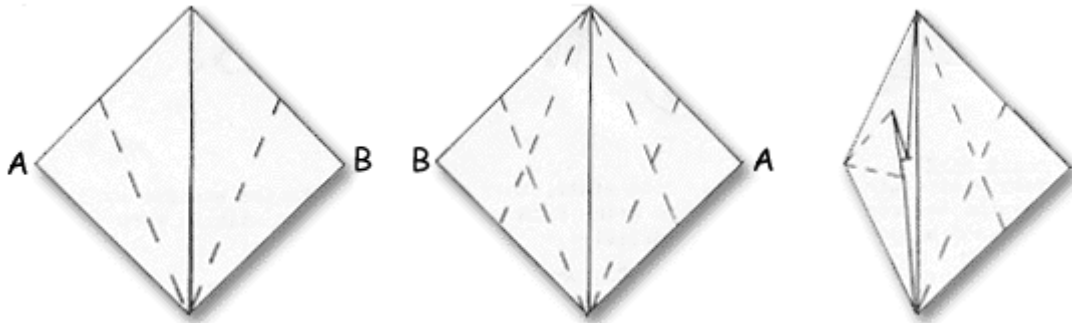
- 1 minute
- several hours
- 50 minutes



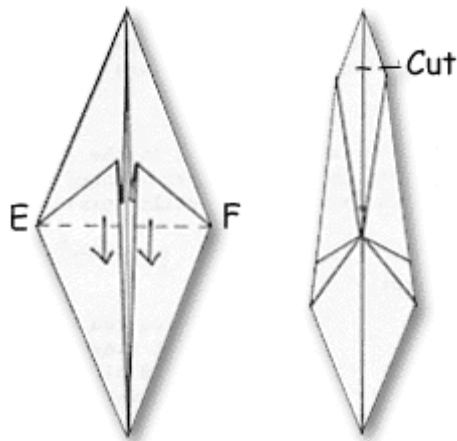


### Make a Paper Whale

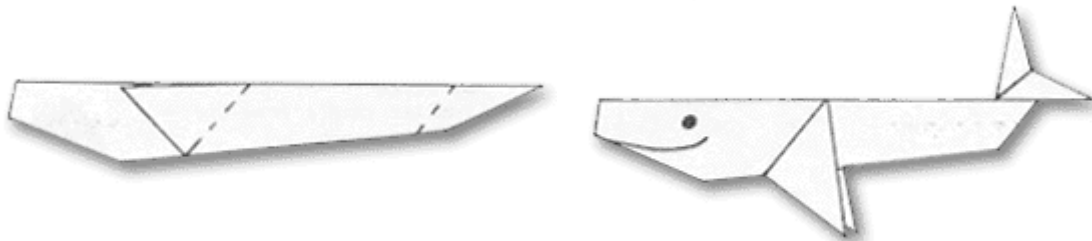
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2. Turn paper round and repeat.
3. Fold along dotted line so that flap sticks up. Repeat on other side.



4. Fold down flaps and turn over.



5. Fold back E & F to centre line, but slightly below centre of the paper. Cut along centre line as shown. Fold the bottom corner over towards the middle. Fold the body in half along the centre line.



6. Fold back the flipper on each side along the dotted line. Fold the tail upwards along the dotted line. Open the tail flukes.
7. Draw in the mouth and eyes.



Sperm Whale



Person

A Whale of a Test - Correct Answers: A(a), B(a), C(c), D(a), E(a)