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BLUE WHALE

1. Watch the video on You Tube and then complete the text (choose the words in brackets):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YtC-VagE4Y>

(krill, long, hear, water, largest, endangered, extinct, distances, car, swimmers, birth, sounds, feed, listen, tall)

The Blue whale is the _____ animal which has ever lived on earth. Its body is nearly 30 m _____ and it weights about 160 tons. Its heart needs to be very large – it has size of a _____.

Blue whales live in all oceans of the world, except for the polar seas. They are fast _____, their normal speed is of 22 km per hour. A whale mother gives _____ to one young every 2 – 3 years. Whales are mammals, so they _____ their youngs with milk.

Blue whales feed only on _____. They have hundreds of baleen plates instead of teeth. They have to take a very large amount of _____ into their mouths to filter the krill.

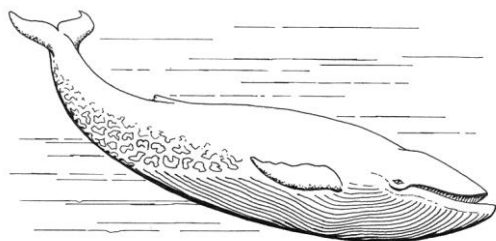
Blue whales produce very loud _____ of a low frequency. To _____ to them people need special instruments. Scientist believe whales can communicate with each other over very long _____.

They are _____ animals, many countries try to protect them.¹.

2. Make questions about the text, use the clues:

How/large _____ ?
What/size/heart _____ ?
Where/live _____ ?
How many/youngs _____ ?
What/blue whales/eat _____ ?
What/blue whales/produce _____ ?
Why/many countries/protect _____ ?

3. What is Czech translation to blue whale? _____



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Blue_Whale_\(PSF\).jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Blue_Whale_(PSF).jpg)

4. Read the fairy tale:

How the whale got his throat

In the sea, once upon a time, there lived a Whale. He was very large and fed on all fish, large and small – on the starfish, the crab and the mackerel. But after some time there was only one small fish left in all the sea. “I’m hungry!” cried the Whale, standing up on his tail and looking around.

And the small fish asked, “Noble Whale, have you ever tasted Man? Try him. You’ll find one sailor in the middle of the sea, sitting on a raft. One at a time is enough!”

So the Whale swam and swam and found one single sailor on the raft. Then the Whale was happy because he was not hungry anymore and swam back to his home. But as soon as the sailor in the Whale’s insides, he began to jump, bump, hop and cry. By doing this, the sailor made the Whale hiccup. “Behave yourself! I’ve got hiccups!” shouted the Whale. “Fine, but take me back to my native shore,” the sailor answered. So the Whale swam back, as quickly as he could with his hiccup. But while he was swimming, the sailor decided to punish the Whale. He cut up the raft into small pieces, tied them criss-cross and made grating in the Whale’s throat. From that day on...²

Finish the fairy tale putting the words in the correct order:

not, eat, the, can, whale, plankton, anything, except

5. Find English equivalents in the text:

Human or animal who moves in the water is a S _____

It’s a part of animal’s body, people don’t have it, fish use it to move the right way

It’s a T _____

The man, who works on the boat or a ship is a S _____

It’s a process of eating something, you put food into your mouth, you chew it and then you S _____ it.

When someone does something wrong (whale swallowed a sailor), we usually

P _____ him/her.

Opposite to closed is O _____

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Blue whales produce very loud **sounds** of a low frequency. To **listen** to them people need special instruments. Scientist believe whales can communicate with each other over very long **distances** .

They are **endangered** animals, many countries try to protect them..¹

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What/size/heart **What size is their heart?**

Where/live **Where do they live?**

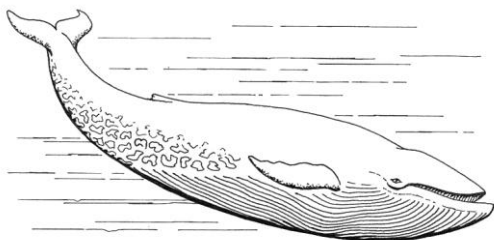
How many/youngs **How many youngs do they have?**

What/blue whales/eat **What do blue whales eat?**

What/blue whales/produce **What do blue whales produce?**

Why/many countries/protect **Why do many countries protect them?**

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It’s a process of eating something, you put food into your mouth, you chew it and then you SWALLOW it.

When someone does something wrong (whale swallowed a sailor), we usually PUNISH him/her.

Opposite to closed is OPEN

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