

1 **The Blue Whale**

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3 The Blue Whale is probably  
4 the largest animal that has ever  
5 lived on the earth. Even the leg  
6 dinosaurs were smaller than  
7 the blue whale.

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9 The elephant is probably the  
10 largest land animal that the  
11 blue whale is bigger than 50  
12 elephants! The blue whale  
13 weighs about 175,000 tons  
14 (375,000 pounds) and the  
15 elephant is little more than 6000 tons.



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17 The blue whale is up to 90 meters long but once a blue whale measured 40  
18 meters long. The tongue of the blue whale weighs as much as an elephant and  
19 the blue whale's heart is the size of a car.

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21 The blue whale doesn't have teeth and eats small fish, which are the small  
22 shrimp. It eats about 40 million krill a day! The krill is one of the smallest fish  
23 in the ocean and the blue whale eats its eat every 4000 tons of food a day.  
24 Since the blue whale doesn't have any teeth it's called a "great giant"  
25 because it has been called a "great giant."

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27 The blue whale is almost all the same animals and has been known to travel  
28 up to 40 kilometers per hour. Normally, the blue whale swims at 20-30 kilometers  
29 an hour. Usually, the blue whale is also the fastest animal. The blue whale can  
30 make a sound that can be heard 100 kilometers away!

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32 The blue whale was put on the endangered  
33 species list in the 1960's. Before 1960 there  
34 were probably 100,000 blue whales in the  
35 world. Whalers, who are people who hunt  
36 and kill whales, began killing them for oil in  
37 the 1800's. As many as 20,000 blue whales  
38 were killed in 1939 alone. Today only about

