

# Blue whale

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## Aufgaben:

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The blue whale is the biggest animal on \_\_\_\_\_. Like all other whales, it is a mammal. It can grow to 33 meters in length and can weigh 200 \_\_\_\_\_. The heart itself already weighs as much as a small car (600 to 1000 kilograms) and pumps 100 \_\_\_\_\_ of blood through its body.

Like other whales, the blue whale has to breathe every \_\_\_\_\_ of minutes. When it breathes it releases a giant spurt of water, like a \_\_\_\_\_, that's called blow. The blow can tower up to nine meters in the air.

Blue \_\_\_\_\_ live in all seas. They migrate to warmer areas during winter and colder areas during \_\_\_\_\_. In colder areas, blue whales find a lot of little shrimp and \_\_\_\_\_. A different word for the little shrimp is krill. Blue whales eat 3 to 4 tons of them per \_\_\_\_\_ and build up large fat reserves. Blue whales need this fat because they don't eat during \_\_\_\_\_.

Blue whales cannot chew their food, because they don't have teeth. Instead, they have a \_\_\_\_\_ called baleen. Baleen works like a filter that keeps everything edible in the whale's \_\_\_\_\_.

When blue whales search for food, they swim very slowly, like a human going on a \_\_\_\_\_. When they swim longer distances they go as fast as 30 mph. Male blue whales usually \_\_\_\_\_ alone, and females travel in groups with other females and their kids.

Blue whales reach sexual \_\_\_\_\_ after 5 to 6 years. The blue whale mother carries her babies in her belly for up to 11 months. When the \_\_\_\_\_ are born, they are about 7 meters long and they weigh about 2.5 tons. That's about as heavy as a heavy \_\_\_\_\_. The mother feeds the calf for about 7 months. Then it is about 13 \_\_\_\_\_ long.

maturity	day	meters	walk	tons	substance	whales	babies	Earth
geyser	winter	travel	liters	plankton	couple	summer	car	mouth