

WHALE FACTS

- Instead of teeth, gray whales have a row of bristles called baleen that filters their favorite food, small shrimplike creatures called amphipods.
- Whales are not fish; they are warm-blooded mammals like us.
- Gray whales have also been called desert whales, devil fish, graybacks, mussel diggers and lipsacks.
- A male gray whale is called a bull, a female gray whale is called a cow, and a baby gray whale is called a calf.
- Whales are kept warm from the cold ocean by a fatty substance called blubber.
- Gray whales have the largest migration pattern of any mammal, traveling 10,000–12,000 miles round trip. Whales live in groups called pods.
- Gray whales will sometimes pop their heads out of the water, as if they were treading water to have a look around. This behavior is called spyhopping.



WHALE TALK

Many scientists believe whales communicate with each other with their own unique calls. Can you unscramble these whale words?

TACCEAN

EEBALN

GRAMITION

AHIPODMPS

UKFLE

RNABACLE

CEAON

MAALMM

WHALES ARE A-MAZE-ING

Whales are amazing, beautiful creatures. See if you can help the whales escape the ice by getting through the whale maze.

WHALE OF A WORD SEARCH

There are many types of whales. See if you can find these whales in the word search.

F S Z P F X B F D S O P Z
 Y H T G Y S L X B Y R T S
 C W U B N U U K J B C Y P
 S R C M B M E V F Y A H G
 K H V X P B W Z I O B Z P
 T B Q S X B S R N L B P
 G J G B R W A O J K E C
 R G N V X T Y C R W L Q
 A Y V X W Z Q P K K U A
 Y G J M I N K E H F G
 C P B N Q W P K L W A

ORCA, BLUE, HUMPBACK, GRAY
 MINKE, BELUGA, FIN

FINISH

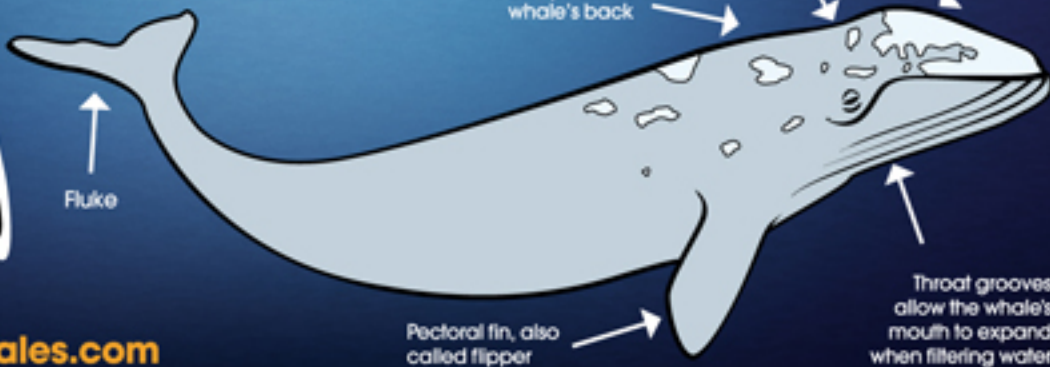
For the answers to these puzzles and for more fun whale activities, visit

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START



GRAY WHALE ANATOMY



CETACEAN CROSSWORD

Cetacean is just a fancy word for whale. Use what you've learned from the whale facts to solve the crossword.

ACROSS

- Whales are members of this group of warm-blooded animals.
- Many whales, including gray whales, live in this group.
- These notches under a gray whale's mouth allow it to expand when filtering the ocean for food.
- A female gray whale
- Gray whales use this instead of teeth to catch and filter their food.

DOWN

- A male gray whale
- A baby gray whale
- When whales do this, it looks as if they are treading water.
- A whale's front fin is also called a flipper.
- This fatty tissue keeps whales warm.



BIG MIRACLE

ACTIVITY SHEET **ANSWERS**

WHALE OF A **WORD SEARCH**

F S Z P F X **B** F D S **O** P Z
 Y H T G Y S L X B Y R T S
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 K H V X P B W Z I O B Z P
 T B Q S X B S R N L B P
G J G B R W A O J K E C
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 A Y V X W Z Q P K K U A
 Y G J M I N K E H F G
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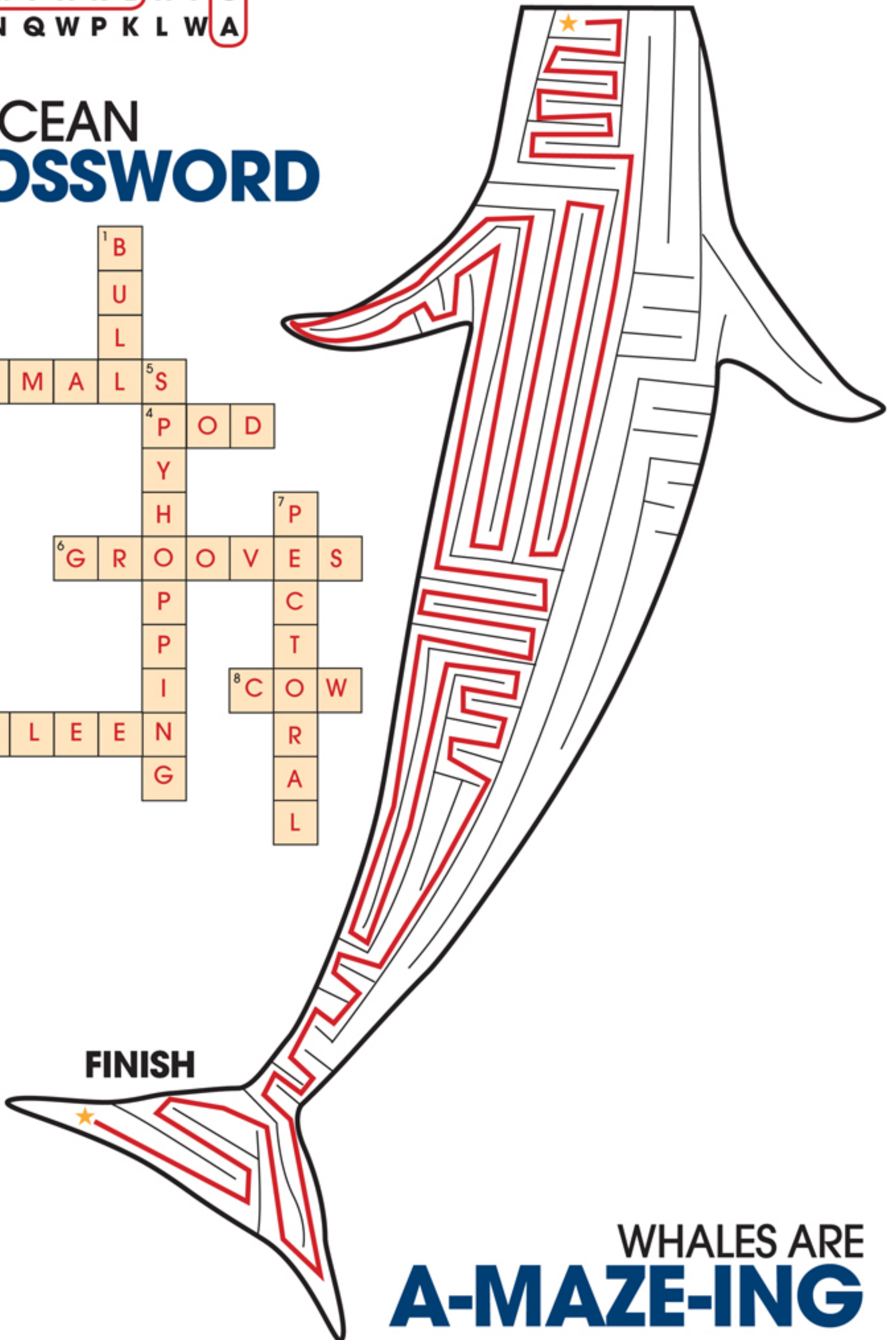
WHALE **TALK**

CETACEAN	BALEEN
TACCEAN	EEBALN
MIGRATION	AMPHIPODS
GRAMITION	AHIPODMPS
FLUKE	BARNACLE
UKFLE	RNABACLE
OCEAN	MAMMAL
CEAON	MAALMM

CETACEAN **CROSSWORD**

1 B
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 3 C
 2 M A M M A L 5 S
 L P O D
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 6 G R O O V E S
 P C
 P T
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 7 P
 8 C O W
 R A L
 9 B
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 10 B A L E E N
 B G
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