



## Blue Whale

The blue whale is the largest living animal to have ever lived on the planet Earth. Blue Whales are way larger than the largest dinosaur that ever lived. The largest Blue Whales can grow as long as 100 feet, which is longer than three school buses put together!

Even though blue whales are huge, they eat tiny creatures known as krill. Krill are tiny shrimp-like animals. The whale simply opens its mouth, fills it with krill and salt water, and filters the water out of plates in its mouth called baleen. The blue whale may eat over 8,000 pounds of krill in a single day!

**1.) What happens to the salt water that the Blue Whale gulps?**

- A.** It gets turned to fresh water.
- B.** It swallows the water.
- C.** It filters it out.
- D.** The passage doesn't say.

**2.) The Blue Whale eats....**

- A.** sharks.
- B.** big fish.
- C.** humans.
- D.** small creatures called krill.

**3.) What is NOT true?**

- A.** The Blue Whale is larger than the largest dinosaur.
- B.** The Blue Whale can eat 8,000 pounds of krill per day.
- C.** The Blue Whale is smaller than some elephants.
- D.** The Blue Whale can grow longer than three school buses.

**4.) A Blue Whale can grow as long as \_\_\_\_\_ feet.**

**5.) A Blue Whale....**

- A.** is large, but smaller than some dinosaurs.
- B.** is large, but smaller than a school bus.
- C.** is larger than any animal that has ever lived on earth.
- D.** uses its sharp teeth to chew up large fish.