

# Las Ballenas







Las ballenas son los animales más grandes del planeta, ¡aún más grandes que los elefantes!



La ballena azul es el animal más grande del mundo. Mide más o menos 94 pies de largo. ¡Eso es tan largo como una cancha de basquetbóll!



Las ballenas viven en todos los mares del planeta.

Pueden vivir tanto en agua tibia como en agua fría.



Las ballenas dan a luz a bebés vivos y alimentan a sus bebés con leche. Las ballenas son mamíferos como vacas o tigres  
4 o personas.



Las ballenas distintas comen cosas distintas. El cachalote come calamares gigantes y peces. La ballena azul come camarones chiquitos que se llaman krill.



Las ballenas pueden nadar debajo del agua por mucho tiempo pero tienen que subir a la superficie para respirar el aire. Tienen un orificio nasal encima de sus cabezas que les <sup>6</sup> ayuda a respirar.





Las ballenas cantan cantos para hablarse la una a la otra, pero no usan sus bocas. Sólo hacen sonidos por el orificio nasal.



Las ballenas saltan del agua con frecuencia. Nadie sabe por qué lo hacen, pero algunos creen que es una forma de comunicarse.



¡No te dejes engañar por la ballena asesina!  
El nombre puede hacerte pensar que es una  
ballena, pero la ballena asesina es un tipo de  
delfín.



Las ballenas no tienen aletas finas como los peces. Tienen aletas más gruesas y una cola fuerte que les ayuda a nadar largas distancias.



Quando llega el invierno, las ballenas viajan a dónde hay agua más tibia. Nadan en grupos grandes y pueden viajar hasta 3,000 millas.



Es una maravilla ver a una ballena.  
¡Pero a mi no me gustaría acercarme tanto!

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