

Questions

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2. Fill in the missing word in this sentence.

Humpbacks are friendly creatures and are _____ with whale watchers.

3. What is the colour of a humpback whale's body?

4. Tick true or false for the following statements.

	True	False
Female humpbacks are larger than males.		
Calves are about 12 metres in length when born.		
Humpbacks feed in warm waters.		
Humpback whales are friendly creatures.		

5. How long do humpback whales sing a song for? Tick one.

- 36 minutes
 12 minutes
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6. Why do you think another name for humpback whales is 'giant wings'?

7. How long can humpback whales hold their breath for? Tick one.

- 45 seconds
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Answers

1. How far away can the song of a humpback whale be heard? Tick one.

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2. Fill in the missing word in this sentence.

Humpbacks are friendly creatures and are **popular** with whale watchers.

3. What is the colour of a humpback whale's body?

The colour of a humpback whales body is black.

4. Tick true or false for the following statements.

	True	False
Female humpbacks are larger than males.	✓	
Calves are about 12 metres in length when born.		✓
Humpbacks feed in warm waters.		✓
Humpback whales are friendly creatures.	✓	

5. How long do humpback whales sing a song for? Tick one.

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6. Why do you think another name for humpback whales is 'giant wings'?

Accept answers that refer to the humpback's long fins, such as: I think humpback whales are also called 'giant wings' because they have long fins which look like wings.

7. How long can humpback whales hold their breath for? Tick one.

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Questions

1. How many humpbacks are thought to be alive today? Tick one.

- 800
 8000
 80,000
 8

2. Fill in the missing word in this sentence.

Humpbacks are friendly and _____ and are a popular species amongst whale watchers.

3. What other heavy animal is the humpback whale compared to?

4. Tick true or false for the following statements.

	True	False
Male humpbacks are lighter than females.		
Baby humpback whales are called colts.		
Humpbacks eat mostly small fish.		
Humpbacks are famous for 'breaching'.		

5. For what length of time can a humpback's song last? Tick one.

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 12 minutes
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6. Why do you think that the scientific name for humpback whales is 'megaptera noveangliae'?

7. How do we know that humpback whales are friendly and sociable mammals? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

8. What are humpback whales famous for? Tick one.

- their playful behaviour
- their diet
- their age
- their predators

Answers

1. How many humpbacks are thought to be alive today? Tick one.

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2. Fill in the missing word in this sentence.

Humpbacks are friendly and **curious creatures** and are a popular species amongst whale watchers.

3. What other heavy animal is the humpback whale compared to?

Another heavy animal that the humpback is compared to is an elephant.

4. Tick true or false for the following statements.

	True	False
Male humpbacks are lighter than females.	✓	
Baby humpback whales are called colts.		✓
Humpbacks eat mostly small fish.	✓	
Humpbacks are famous for 'breaching'.	✓	

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6. Why do you think that the scientific name for humpback whales is 'megaptera noveangliae'?

Accept answers which explain that 'megaptera noveangliae' means 'giant wings' and refers to the humpback's fins e.g. Megaptera noveangliae means 'giant wings' and humpback's have very long fins which look a lot like wings.

7. How do we know that humpback whales are friendly and sociable mammals? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Accept answers which refer to the text, such as: 'Humpbacks have been observed interacting with other species...' This tells me that humpback whales are friendly and like being with other sea creatures.

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- their diet
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Questions

1. Find and copy a word which means the same as **curious**.

2. What adjectives are used to describe humpback whales? Tick two.

- acrobatic
- delightful
- unique
- speedy

3. Tick true or false for the following statements.

	True	False
Humpback whales look similar to other whales.		
Mother's carry their calves for 6 months.		
Humpbacks travel to warmer waters to give birth.		
Scientists know why humpback whales enjoy breaching.		

4. Why do you think the author chose to compare the weight of a humpback whale to six elephants?

5. What is the collective noun for a group of whales?

6. Why do you think that the scientific name for humpback whales is 'megaptera noveangliae'?

7. Explain why humpback whales have a distinctive appearance.

8. Fill in the missing words in this sentence.

Humpbacks have been observed interacting with other species and they have even been seen protecting _____ such as sharks and killer whales.

Answers

1. Find and copy a word which means the same as **curious**.

inquisitive

2. What adjectives are used to describe humpback whales? Tick two.

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4. Why do you think the author chose to compare the weight of a humpback whale to six elephants?

Accept answers which refer to the fact that elephants are very big, heavy animals and so it emphasises how heavy humpback whales are, such as: I think the author chose to compare the weight of a humpback whale to six elephants because elephants are really heavy animals so it helps us understand how heavy a humpback whale must be.

5. What is the collective noun for a group of whales?

a pod

6. Why do you think that the scientific name for humpback whales is 'megaptera noveangliae'?

Accept answers which explain that 'megaptera noveangliae' means 'giant wings' and refers to the humpback's fins, such as: Megaptera noveangliae means 'giant wings' and so tells us that humpbacks have very long fins.

7. Explain why humpback whales have a distinctive appearance.

Accept answers which refer to the text, such as: Humpback whales have a distinctive appearance because they have an unusual shaped head (large and knobby) and other special features including the longest fins of all marine mammals._____

8. Fill in the missing words in this sentence.

Humpbacks have been observed interacting with other species and they have even been seen protecting **other cetacea from predators** such as sharks and killer whales.