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The killer whale, also known as an orca, is the biggest member of the dolphin family. Killer whales are medium-sized whales. Males can grow up to 30-32 feet in length and can weigh up to 10 tons. Females can grow up to 27 feet in length and can weigh up to 7 tons.

Most killer whales are known by their shiny and beautiful colors of black and white. Male killer whales have very tall and erect dorsal fins usually about 6 feet tall. The females have slightly curved dorsal fins, and they are usually 3 feet tall.



Killer whales have an average of 24 teeth. Their diet consists of birds, squid, salmon, cod, penguins, sea turtles, porpoise, walrus, and sometimes the blue whale.

Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing word.

1. Killer whales have an average of _____ teeth.
2. The killer whale is also known as an _____.
3. Most killer whales are black and _____.
4. Killer whales are _____ - sized whales.
5. The female killer whale dorsal fins are usually _____ feet tall.



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Killer whales are found in all the oceans of the world. More are found in the Arctic Sea, the northern Atlantic Ocean and the northern Pacific Ocean. They live in cold waters, but in the winter they migrate to warmer waters to give birth to their babies. The newborn calves can weigh up to 400 pounds at birth and are about 7 feet in length.

Killer whales have the ability of finding their prey by making certain kinds of clicks. They listen for echoes from their clicking sound. When they are hunting for prey they will be quiet for hours. They have an excellent sense of touch and good eyesight.

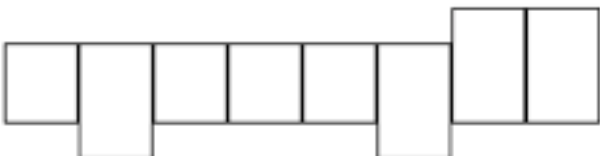
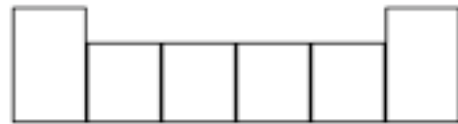
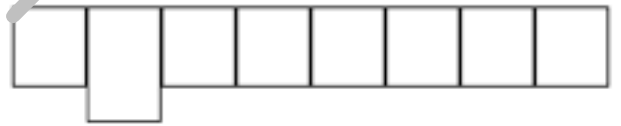
Whale calves are cared for by both female and male whales. Mother whales have a very close bond. They care about their baby calf. Other whales of a pod will help and protect one another.

The killer whales were put on the endangered species in the ocean areas of the state of Washington and British Columbia in 2005.



Fit each of the words below into a word shape puzzle.

whales aquarium ocean eyesight dorsal fluke



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Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

orca whale killer fluke captured
Keiko pod survive dorsal intelligent

