

The Era of Whaling

1. What "sprang up" in the early 20th century and why?

Sprang up is a fishing method of catching and selling whales on the market.

2. How many blue whales were killed in the first half of the 20th century?

Around 340,000 whales were killed in the 20th century

3. What is the IWC and what did they do?

International Whaling Commission that is recording numbers of hunter and killed whales around different oceans.

4. Which countries still hunt whales?

Norway and Iceland

Feeding event

1. What are "baleen" and what do they do for the whale?

Baleen is a filter-feeding system inside the mouths of baleen whales by allowing whales to open their mouth while being deep in the water.

2. What must the whale decide when it sees some krill?

They decide if the krill would provide them with needed energy that they must have.

Gender

1. What gender is the whale in the natural history museum?

The gender of a whale in the Natural History Museum is a female.

2. Generally, which is bigger - Male or Female?

Female Whales



Capture of a whale

1. When the whale was discovered, local fishermen and lifeboat pilots tried to kill it. Why?

Liverpool Mercury on 30 March 1891. They wanted to kill it for needed oils.

2. How much did William Armstrong pay for the whale?

He decided to pay around £111 for whales.

3. How many drums of oil were filled from the whale?

14 drums holding around 205 litres of drums.

The beached whale

1. When did the museum's whale become beached?

1891 near Wexford in Southern Ireland.

2. What was it probably doing when it became beached?

The female whale was moving towards north part of Ireland while moving around Wexford harbour.

Record breaker

1. How many calories can the whale take in one mouthful of krill?

457,000 calories

2. What is the weight of the largest blue whales?
180 tonnes- the most largest and heavy whale being recorded.

3. How long is the museum's specimen?

The Museum's blue whale specimen is just over 25 metres long.

Mythology and mystery

1. What notable achievement happened before a whale was filmed underwater?

The achievement shows that a whale has different colours, weight and body sizes.