

## The Era of Whaling

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

A worldwide commercial whaling industry because of technological advancements.

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

340000

3. What is the IWC and what did they do?  
International Whaling Commission
4. Which countries still hunt whales?  
Norway and Iceland

## Feeding event

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

Baleen are what whales have instead of teeth that help them trap krill.

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

How many krill it's going to capture.

## Gender

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

female

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

females



## Capture of a whale

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

1891 and they tried to kill it because it cause a lot of commotion.

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

£111

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

14

## The beached whale

1. When did the museums whale become beached?

1891

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

She was probably migrating north then caught in shallow waters.

## Record breaker

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

457000 calories

2. What is the weight of the largest blue whales?

180 tonnes

3. How long is the museums specimen?

25m long

## Mythology and mystery

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

Humans could see earth from space

Before they could see

- a swimming whale.