

The Era of Whaling

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

Whale hunting because of technological advancements

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

340000

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

International whaling commission stopped the hunting of whales

1. Which countries still hunt whales?

Norway and Iceland

Feeding event

1. What are “baleen” and what do they do for the whale? **The hole at the top of the whale**

What must the whale decide when it sees some krill? **Every time it spots potential prey, the whale must decide whether the nutrition gained from the krill will be large enough to be worth spending energy on.**

Gender

1. What gender is the whale in the natural history museum? **Female**
2. Generally, which is bigger - Male or Female? **females are bigger**



Capture of a whale

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

To use it for resources

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

£111

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

14 drums

The beached whale

1. When did the museums whale become beached?

The blue whale became beached in 1981

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

Migrating to the north when it lost track in a storm

Record breaker

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

Blue whales can take in up to 457,000 calories with every mouthful of krill they eat.

1. What is the weight of the largest blue whales?
2. **Blue whales can weigh up to 180 tonnes**
3. How long is the museums 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 under water?

Humans went to the moon