

Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

baleen whales whales without teeth but with rows of whalebone plates that act as a sieve for feeding
Example: blue whale

blowhole opening located on the top of the head of whales and dolphins, used for obtaining oxygen

blubber the fat of marine animals, which is used to keep the animal warm

echolocation use of sounds to locate objects

endangered in danger of extinction due to natural or manmade factors

flippers front limbs of dolphins, other whales, and seals; used for balancing and steering

fluke tail fin of whales, including dolphins

melon fatty area on the forehead of whales, including dolphins, that controls the reception of pulses and echolocation

moratorium a legal ban; a legally authorized period of delay

toothed whales whales which have teeth
Examples: sperm whale, dolphin