

Whale Lengths

The bowhead whale is 20 feet shorter than the fin whale.

The whales (order Cetacea) have two suborders, the baleen whales and the toothed whales.

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A one-week-old baby blue whale is as large as a pickup truck.

A full-grown fin whale is about 20 feet shorter than a full-grown blue whale.

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A mature blue whale measuring 100 feet has a heart as big as a Volkswagen (a beetle, not a van).

No one knows for sure how many species of whales there are, but scientists estimate there may be 80 to 100 different species.

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The largest toothed whale is 63 feet long.

A full-grown gray whale is half the size of a full-grown blue whale.

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A sperm whale (the kind in *Moby Dick*) can dive to 10,000 feet and stay underwater for 90 minutes.

The maximum lengths of the bowhead whale and the sei whale are about the same.

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All whales that grow to 50 feet or more are baleen whales except one, the sperm whale, which is a toothed whale.

Here is your group's problem: how long is each of the six species of whale when it is fully grown?

Sperm
Whale

Bowhead
Whale

Sei
Whale

Blue
Whale

Gray
Whale

Fin
Whale