

Humpback Whale Quiz

1. How much does a humpback whale weigh?
2. What's it called when a whale jumps from the water?
3. About how long do humpbacks live?
4. What do you call a male humpback whale accompanying a female?
5. Are whales warm-blooded?
6. When did whale's ancestors begin to adapt to water?
7. What do you call whale nostrils?
8. How much does a humpback calf grow in a month?
9. How long is a calf at birth?
10. How many blowholes does a humpback whale have?
11. How long can a humpback stay submerged?
12. Why might whales breach?
13. What are the expandable throat grooves for?
14. Why have whales lost their hair?
15. In what season do whales sing?
16. How long is a humpback whale's pec (pectoral) fin?
17. How long does a whale song last?
18. How much does a humpback whale eat per day in feeding season?
19. What types of food do whales eat?
20. In what season do whales mate?
21. What is the mist above a whale called?
22. How much milk does a calf need each day?
23. How wide are a whale's flukes?
24. What colors are on a humpback's flukes?
25. What's a picture of a whale's tail called?
26. What 1972 law protects marine mammals in the USA?
27. What threatens humpback whale survival?
28. What do humpbacks use to concentrate prey when feeding in Alaska?
29. How far is the round-trip annual migration between Hawaii and Alaska?
30. What is the key to humpback whale survival?

Answers: (1) 40 tons; (2) A breach; (3) About 50 years; (4) An escort; (5) Yes, they are mammals; (6) 50 million years ago; (7) Blowholes; (8) About one foot; (9) 12 feet (3.6 meters); (10) Two; (11) 45 minutes; (12) To lose parasites, to communicate, or just for fun; (13) To capture large amounts of prey; (14) Smooth skin reduces drag when swimming; (15) In winter; (16) 15 feet (4.5 m); (17) 15 minutes or more; (18) One ton; (19) Zooplankton, krill, & small fish; (20) In winter; (21) A blow; (22) 120 gallons (450 liters); (23) 15 feet (4.5 meters); (24) Black & white; (25) A fluke ID; (26) The Marine Mammal Protection Act; (27) Habitat disturbance, oil spills, acoustic pollution, marine debris, entanglement in nets, and human disturbance; (28) Bubble nets; (29) Over 8,000 miles; (30) A healthy ocean environment.