My Blue Whale Fact File

Read the blue whale fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a blue whale

Blue Whale facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. baleen ____	A. small shrimp-like animals that blue whales eat
2. krill ____	B. a warm-blooded animal that breathes air and feeds its babies milk
3. migrate ____	C. to travel from one place to another at certain times of year
4. mammal ____	D. at high risk of dying out in the wild
5. endangered ____	E. stiff plates in a whale's mouth that strain food from the water

The most amazing thing I learned about blue whales

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Answer Key

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Blue Whale facts

Scientific name:	Balaenoptera musculus
Size:	Up to about 100–110 ft (30–33 m)
Weight:	Up to about 165 tons
Lifespan:	About 80–90 years
Diet:	Krill, up to about 6 tons a day
Habitat:	Open ocean, following krill
Where:	All oceans except the Arctic
Status:	IUCN Endangered

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–E, 2–A, 3–C, 4–B, 5–D

Wow facts to share

- A newborn blue whale weighs about 2 to 3 tons, as much as a car.
- Blue whale calls may be heard by other whales 1,000 miles away.
- A blue whale's heart can weigh about 400 pounds (180 kg).