

Whales around the UK and world

Baleen Whales



These whales have baleen for teeth which allows them to filter out plankton and krill which they feed on. There are only 14 baleen whale including the Blue Whale which is the largest animal on the earth.

Toothed Whales



These whales have teeth to help them feed on fish and larger mammals. There are about 70 species including sperm, killer and beluga whales.

Why are whales hunted?

Oil



Whales are hunted for their blubber, this is turned into a wax which can be made for oil, candles and medicines.

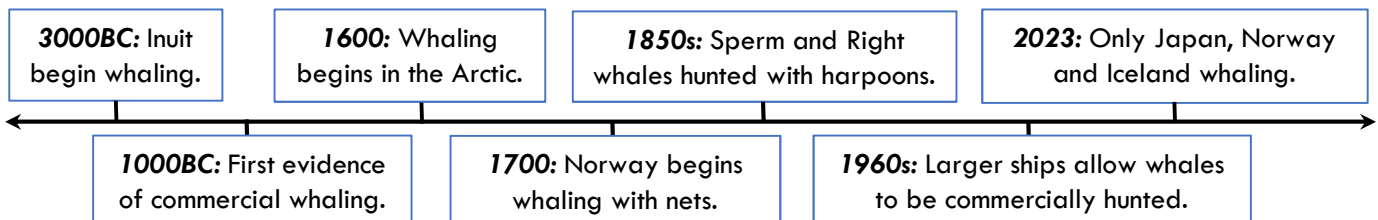
Meat



Whales are also hunted for their meat. Many countries including Japan, Iceland and Norway kill thousands of whales every year to be eaten in restaurants or pet food.

Other parts of the whale is also used: Baleen for fishing line and rope, whale bones for tools and blubber for soap and even perfumes!

Timeline of Whaling



Commercial v Inuit Whaling

Only three countries currently hunt whales for commercial use, this is because there is a ban on whaling as many species of whale are endangered.

The Inuit people live in the Arctic and have relied on hunting whales to survive for thousands of years. They use traditional techniques to hunt and utilise all the whale for survival in very cold environments.

Vocabulary Tier 2

Whaling
Endangered
Baleen
Toothed
Mammals



Vocabulary Tier 3

Commercial
Harpoon
Inuit
Regulation
Overfishing