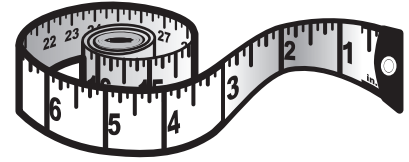


# How big is a sperm whale?



## Measurement Activity 6:

Look at the 'Whale Species Fact File' on the back of this sheet to find out how big a sperm whale is.

Measure and mark out the length of the sperm whale in the school playground.

Mark out how much space the head would take up.

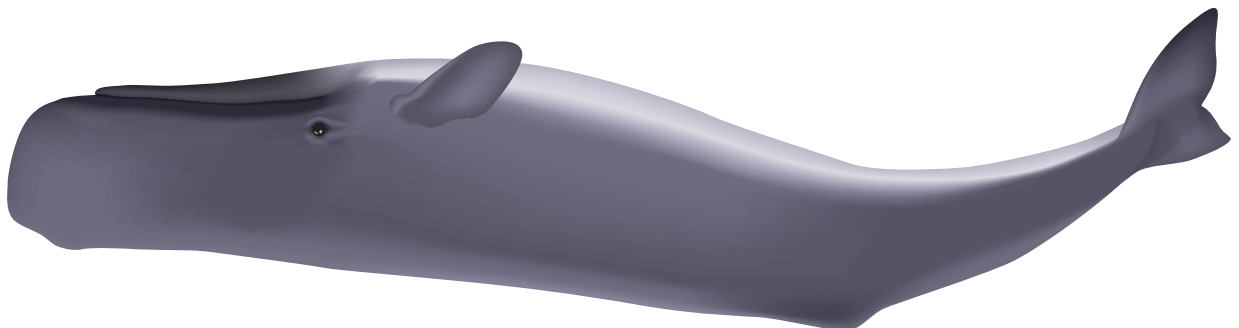


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Sperm whales are the largest of the toothed whales. They have the largest brain of all of mammals. Their head is very large, taking up nearly a third of its body. You could park a car inside the head of a sperm whale!

They have teeth on the lower jaw and matching holes/sockets that the teeth fit into on the upper jaw. Their teeth are about 10 - 20 cm long.

Adult Weight: 35-60 tonnes  
Length Males: 18m (60ft) Females: 12.5m (41 ft)  
Life Span: 60-70 years  
Estimated Population: 1 million  
Pre Whaling Estimated Population: 2.4 million  
Status: Vulnerable



**Sperm Whale**

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