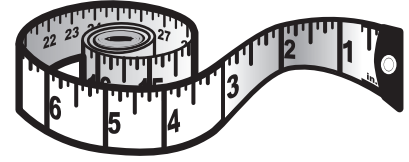


How big is a blue whale?

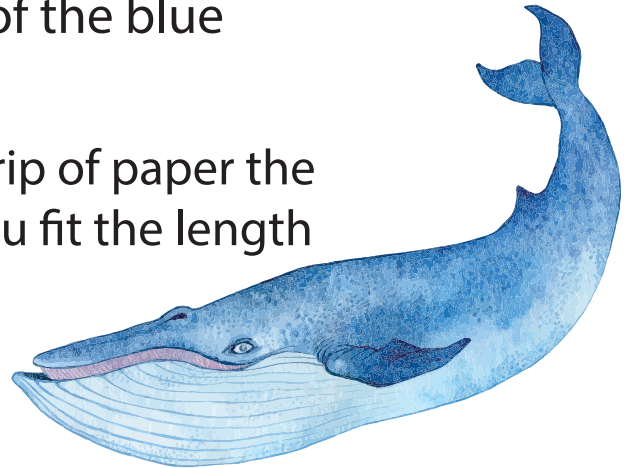


Measurement Activity 1:

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

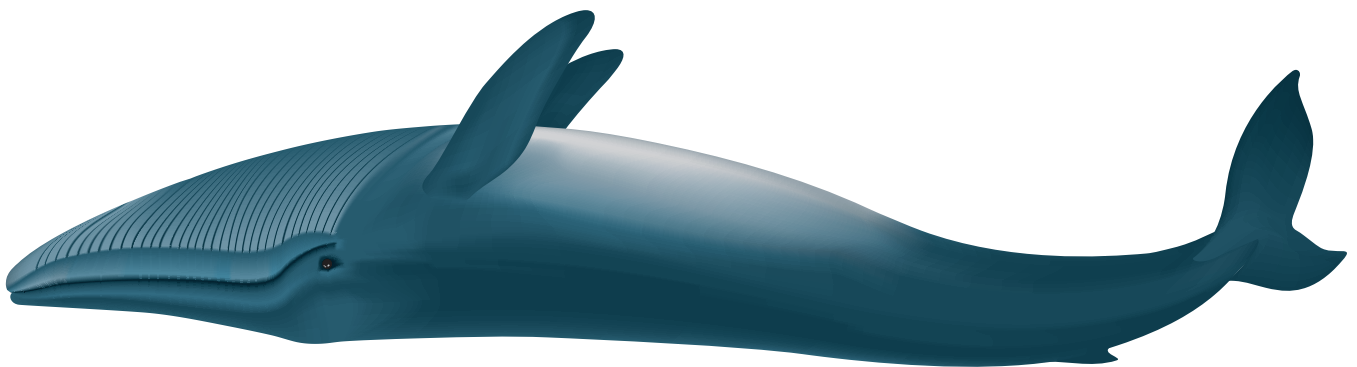
Measure and mark out the length of the blue whale in the school playground.

Measure yourself. Cut a string or a strip of paper the same length as you. How many of you fit the length of the blue whale?



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Adult Weight: average 110 - 120 tonnes, maximum 200 tonnes
Length Males: 27m (89 ft) Females: 33.5m (110 ft)
Life Span: 90 years
Estimated Population: 12 000
Pre Whaling Estimated Population: 200 000-300 000
Status: Endangered



Blue Whale

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