

The Sperm Whale Quiz: questions and answers



1. What is another name for a sperm whale?

- Cachalot
- Kogia
- Orca

2. What is the scientific name of the sperm whale?

- Physeter australasianus*
- Physeter microps*
- Physeter macrocephalus*

3. At what age do male sperm whales reach their maximum size?

- 30 years old
- 18 years old
- 50 years old

4. What is the average length of a male sperm whale?

- 16 m
- 26 m
- 19 m

5. What is spermaceti?

- An ambergris
- A sperm meat

A sperm oil

6. How much does a sperm whale's brain weight?

- 8.8 kilograms
- 7.6 kilograms
- 7.8 kilograms

7. At what age do female sperm whales become fertile?

- 12 years
- 9 years
- 13 years old

8. What was the age of the oldest whale female to give birth?

- 41 years old
- 50 years old
- 35 years old

9. What is the conservation status of the sperm whale?

- Vulnerable
- Endangered
- Least Concern

10. Which famous book is based on the true story of a sperm whale?

- "Ibis: A True Whale Story"
- "War of the Whales: A True Story"
- "Moby Dick"

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