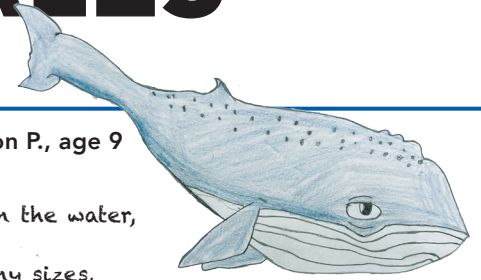


# WHALES

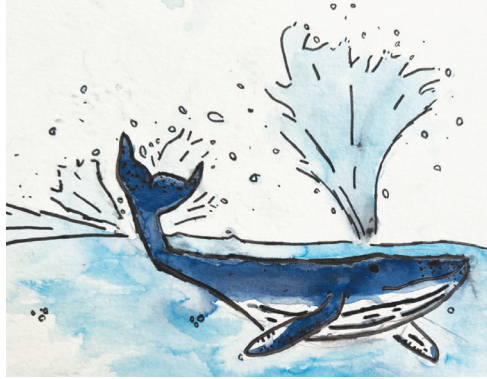
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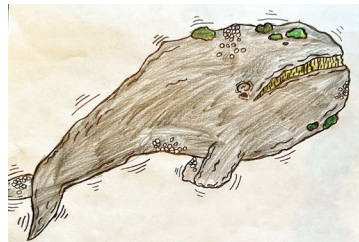
Jameson P., age 9

Whales, graceful giants in the water,  
 Whales, dance and sing,  
 Whales, they come in many sizes,  
 Whales, very caring creatures,  
 Whales, one of the biggest creatures in the ocean,  
 Yes, they still dance, care and sing.

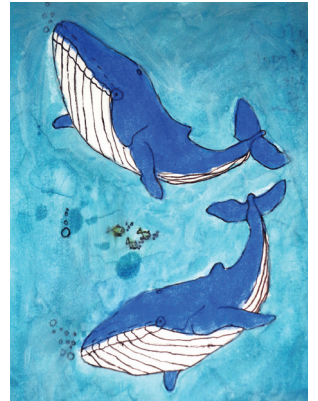
Rachel S., age 10



Cecily S., age 11



Logan B.W., age 10



Marella E., age 8

There was a splash in the water  
 With a hint of a fin.  
 As a toot of a horn  
 He dived back in.

Soon a whole school  
 Came splashing their tails  
 And diving below  
 The whole boat was washed up  
 From head to toe.

The sun began to set  
 On this lovely sea  
 I can almost feel  
 The whales waving to me.

Harper K., age 9



Carter M., age 6

Blue whale, blue whale  
 Bigger than a bus  
 Blue whale, blue whale  
 Your cry is such a fuss.  
 Blue whale, blue whale  
 As big as can be  
 Blue whale, blue whale  
 In the sea.

Levi A., age 12



Ash L., age 7



Masey M., age 10



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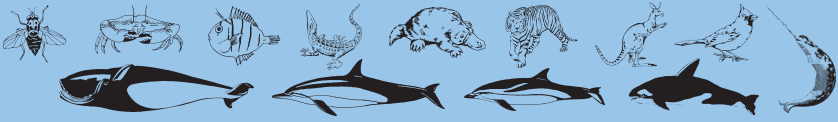


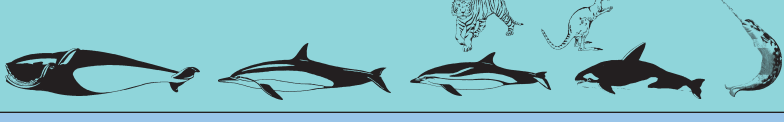


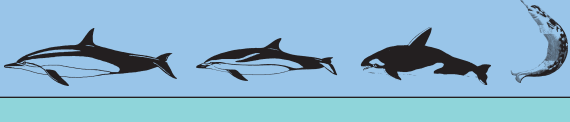






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# A CLASS of Their Own

When you look in your closet, what do you expect to find? Dishes? When you look in the kitchen cupboard where the glasses go, do you expect to find a pair of shoes? Of course not. Your family has organized your home by putting things that go together in certain places. In the same way, scientists have classified living things by putting similar things together. **Scientific classification** makes comparing and understanding living things easier.

As you read in this issue of *Ranger Rick Zoobooks*®, whales are cetaceans. In scientific classification, *Cetacea* is the name of the **order** to which all whales belong. The chart below shows how a spinner dolphin can be **classified**, or separated and compared to other animal species. Notice that animals near the bottom of the chart have more in common with each other than the animals near the top. You will use this chart to go on a whale hunt on page c.

CIRCLE ALL THE WHALES IN THE CHART.		
<b>Animals</b>		<b>Kingdom</b> <i>Animalia</i>
<b>Animals with backbones</b>		<b>Phylum</b> <i>Chordata</i>
<b>Backboned animals whose young are fed milk and are warm-blooded</b>		<b>Class</b> <i>Mammalia</i>
<b>Higher mammals</b>		<b>Subclass</b> <i>Theria</i>
<b>Higher mammals with a placenta, which unites unborn young to the mother</b>		<b>Infraclass</b> <i>Eutheria</i>
<b>Aquatic mammals with fore-flippers and horizontal tail flukes</b> <i>Includes all the whales, dolphins, and porpoises</i>		<b>Order</b> <i>Cetacea</i>
<b>Modern toothed whales</b> <i>Excludes baleen whales</i>		<b>Suborder</b> <i>Odontoceti</i>
<b>Dolphins and killer whales</b> <i>Excludes porpoises</i>		<b>Family</b> <i>Delphinidae</i>
<b>A type of dolphin</b> <i>Includes only the clymene, striped, bridled, spinner, and Atlantic spotted dolphins</i>		<b>Genus</b> <i>Stenella</i>
<b>Spinner dolphin</b> <i>Excludes all other whales, dolphins, and porpoises</i>		<b>Species</b> <i>llongirostris</i>
<b>Baleen whales belong to a different suborder from toothed whales.</b>		<b>Suborder</b> <i>Mysticeti</i>

# A WHALE HUNT

Hidden on this page is a whale belonging to the Delphinidae family, which also includes the spinner dolphin. However, the hidden whale belongs to the genus *Orcinus* and is the species *orca*. To discover this whale, you will color the spaces below that tell about its scientific classification. Follow the directions on the right and use the chart on page b.

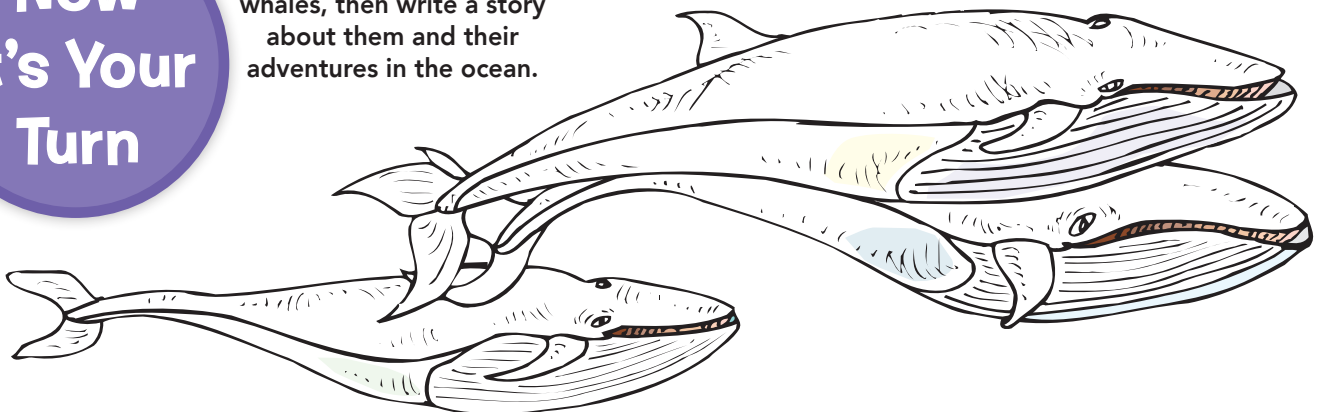
Color the kingdom, phylum, class, and order **blue**. These would be the same for all whales. Then, color the family, genus, and species (*Delphinidae Orcinus orca*) **black**. Leave **white** any of the classifications that do not apply to the *Orcinus orca*. When you are finished with the picture, write the common name of the whale on the line below the puzzle.



**COMMON NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

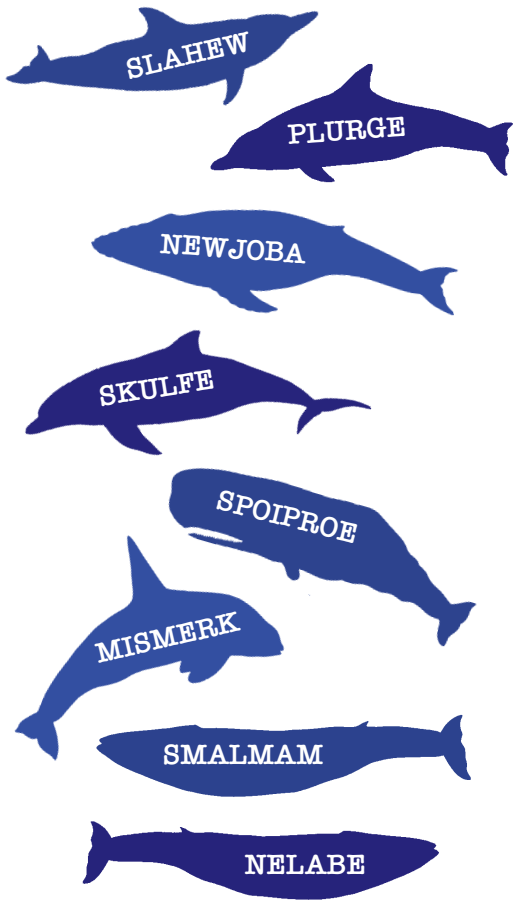
**Now  
It's Your  
Turn**

Color the humpback whales, then write a story about them and their adventures in the ocean.

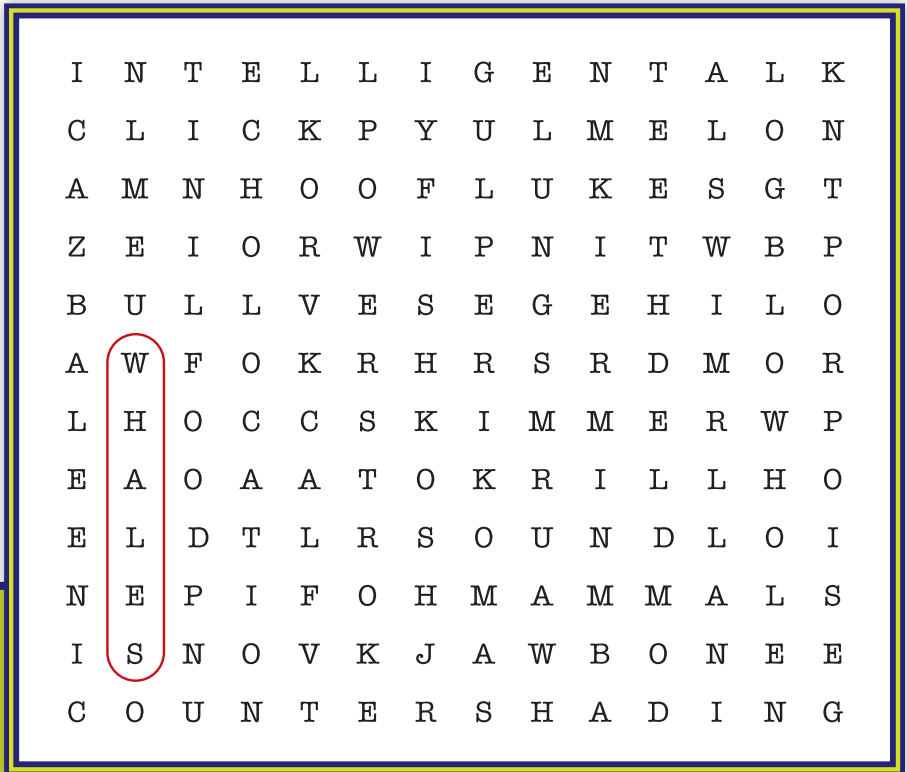


# A WHALE of a Wordsearch

Have a whale of a time solving the four steps of this special wordsearch puzzle. Be on the lookout for a hidden cetacean.



1. Unscramble the letters in the 8 cetaceans at left to discover 8 whale words.
2. Find and circle the 8 whale words in the wordsearch puzzle. We have completed the first one for you. Words can go up and down, across, or diagonally.
3. Then, find the 20 cetacean words which are listed in the box, and circle them in the puzzle.
4. Put the 19 uncircled letters together to spell the name of a secret cetacean. Write the secret name in the blanks below.



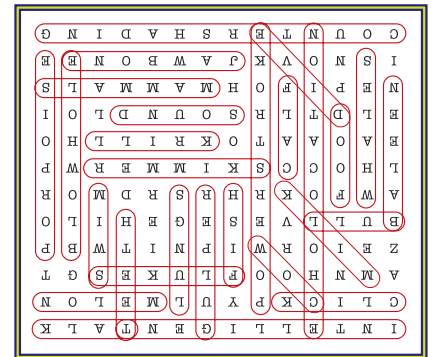
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|--------------|-----------------|
| COW          | SWIM            |
| BULL         | TALK            |
| CALF         | CLICK           |
| DIVE         | KRILL           |
| FISH         | LUNGS           |
| FOOD         | MELON           |
| MILK         | SOUND           |
| TEETH        | BLOWHOLE        |
| INTELLIGENT  | ECHOLOCATION    |
| POWER STROKE | COUNTER SHADING |

**SECRET NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Answers:**  
**Part 1:** (top to bottom) whales, gulper, jawbone, flukes, porpoises, skimmers, mammals, baleen;  
**Parts 2 and 3:** see answer box;  
**Part 4:** secret cetacean: Yangtze River Dolphin.