

Video #038:	How Whales Became the Largest Animals ever		
Link:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuELkcg5A_c		
Level:	1-2 ESO	Variety:	British

Student name: _____ Group: _____ Date: _____

Objectives:

- vocabulary expansion: animals
- comparatives and superlatives

BEFORE (5') Activity 1. Tick if the following adjectives are in their comparative (C) or superlative (S) forms.

	C	S
1. Whales are the largest animals to ever exist on this Earth		
2. A blue whale is 10 thousand times more massive than the <i>Pakicetus</i> was.		
3. Humpbacks have one of the longest migrations of any mammal on Earth.		
4. Take the biggest of the bunch, the blue whale.		
5. So it can take as long as 10 seconds to close their mouths again.		

LISTENING (10') Activity 2. Circle the word you hear:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| a. animals / animation | e. sharp / sharks |
| b. ants / elephants | f. story / history |
| c. clock / o'clock | g. predator / victim |
| d. height / weight | h. mouth / mouse |

Activity 3. Complete the following paragraph with the words in the box:

limit - krill - close - whales - water - largest - prey

In fact, the largest blue (1) _____ are so huge that scientists think they may have hit a physical (2) _____. When they open their wide mouths to feed they engulf enough (3) _____ to fill a large living room. So it can take as long as 10 seconds to (4) _____ them again. Scientists estimate once a whale is 110 feet long it can't close its mouth fast enough before (5) _____ escapes. So it's possible we're living amongst the (6) _____ animal that will ever exist. Lucky for us, they mostly just eat (7) _____.

AFTER (10') Activity 4. Scientists agree that whales are dying due to marine pollution: they eat little pieces of plastic which are in the oceans. Do you think the biggest animal on Earth will go extinct in the following years? Why? What can we do to avoid it?