



Fun Activity Sheets

Marine Wildlife Facts



What do you know about marine wildlife?

Let's test your knowledge. Which of these facts are true?

1. Bowhead whales can live for up to 200 years.
2. Sea turtles can't retract their heads into their shell.
3. Penguins are only found in Antarctica.
4. Seals only live in salt water.
5. Sea Cucumbers are only active during the day.
6. There are 3 species of shark that filter feed.
7. Manta rays can be identified by the unique spots on the underside of their bodies.
8. Humpback whales have teeth and like to eat squid.
9. Oceanic Whitetip Sharks are nicknamed 'sea dogs' because they are curious and will follow ships.
10. Atlantic Bluefin tuna can swim over 40 miles per hour. (65kph).





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How well did you go? Let's see which of these facts were True or False?

ANSWERS

1. True - Bowhead whales have a unique system that slows their metabolism and allows them to live in cold conditions. This is believed to be why they can live well over 100 years.
2. True – Sea turtles can't retract into the shell, like land turtles.
3. False – Penguins can be found in every continent from Antarctica to Africa, but only in the Southern Hemisphere. The Galapagos penguin lives the closest to the equator on the Galapagos Islands.
4. False – There are seals that live in freshwater, the Baikal seal lives only in the Lake Baikal in Siberia. There are subspecies of saltwater seals that live in lakes – Ladoga and Saimaa ringed seal.
5. False – Sea cucumbers are nocturnal but can be seen during the day.
6. True – There are 3 species of filter feeding sharks – Whale Sharks, Basking Sharks and Megamouth Sharks
7. True – Like Humpback whales and Whale sharks, Manta rays have individual marks that are unique so they can be used to identify them.
8. False – Humpback whales are baleen whales and filter feed on phytoplankton, krill and fish.
9. True – Oceanic Whitetips are curious and have been known to follow ships. They are opportunistic feeders and will hunt in packs, sharing food.
10. True – Bluefin tuna are in the top ten fastest fish in the sea, along with Sailfish, Swordfish, Marlin and Wahoo.