

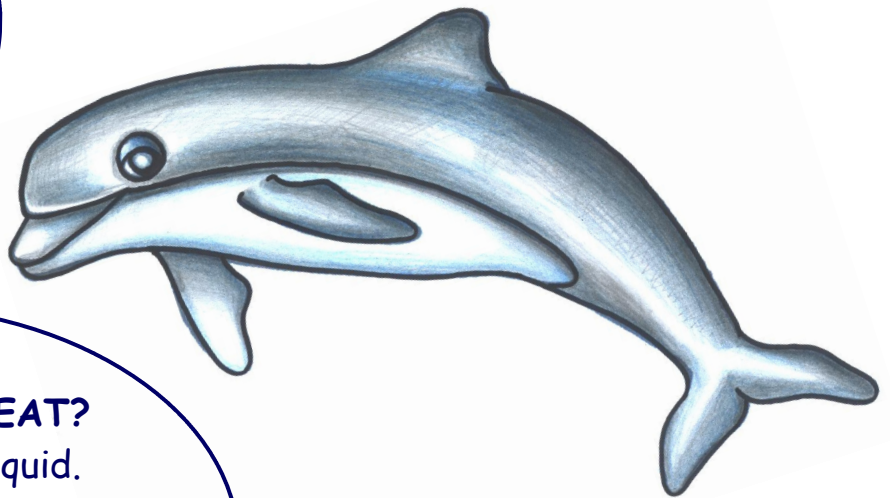
BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

Bottlenose dolphin cartoon ©Jaqueline Verwer

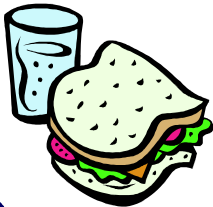
WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
At all times of year.



WHERE DO THEY LIVE? Near the coast all round the UK.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Fish and squid.
They work together to catch fish.



SIZE Grown-ups are be 3 to 4 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
About 50 bottlenose dolphins live in the Hebrides. We recognise them by the shape of their back fin.

DANGER!

Pollution



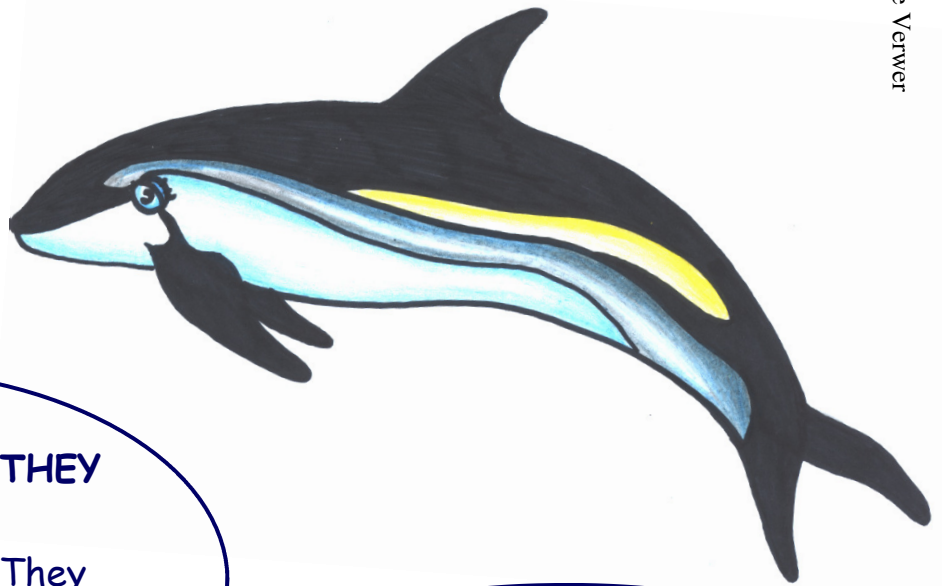
COMMON DOLPHIN

Common dolphin cartoon ©Jaqueline Verwer

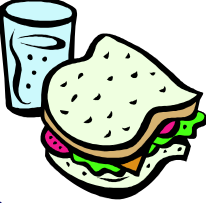


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? In open water off the west coast of Scotland.


WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Best time is in June and July.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Small fish. They work together to catch fish.



SIZE Grown-ups are about 2 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
They can sometimes be seen in huge groups of several hundred dolphins. They like to bow ride and jump out of the water.



DANGER!
Accidentally getting caught in fishing nets.



HARBOUR PORPOISE

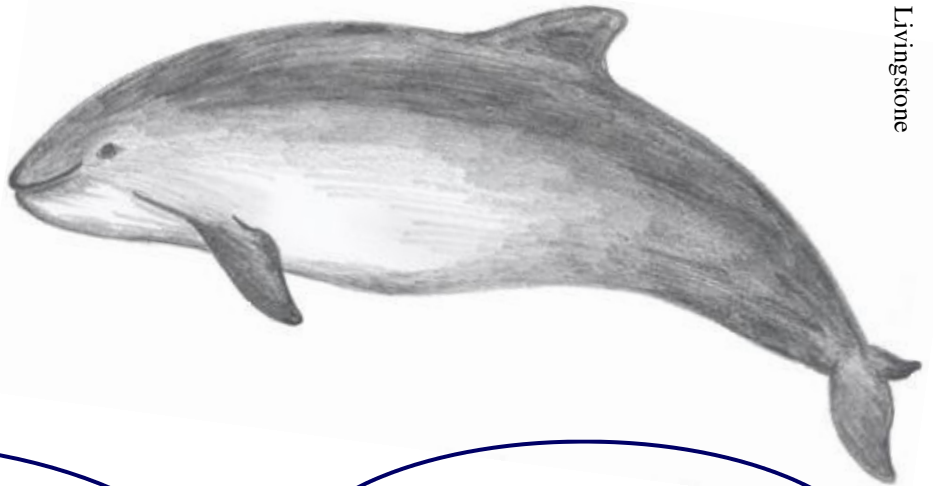
Harbour porpoise cartoon © Andrew Livingstone



WHERE DO THEY LIVE? Near the coast all around the UK.



WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Best time is between April and October.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Small fish like sand eels. They use sound to find their food.



SIZE Grown-ups are about 1 and a half metres long.

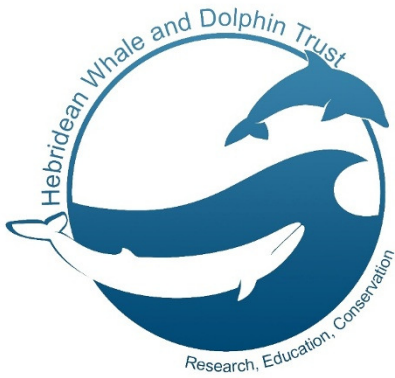


FASCINATING FACT
Harbour porpoise are known as 'puffing pigs' because of the noise they make when they surface to breathe.



DANGER!

Accidentally getting caught in fishing nets
Killer whales



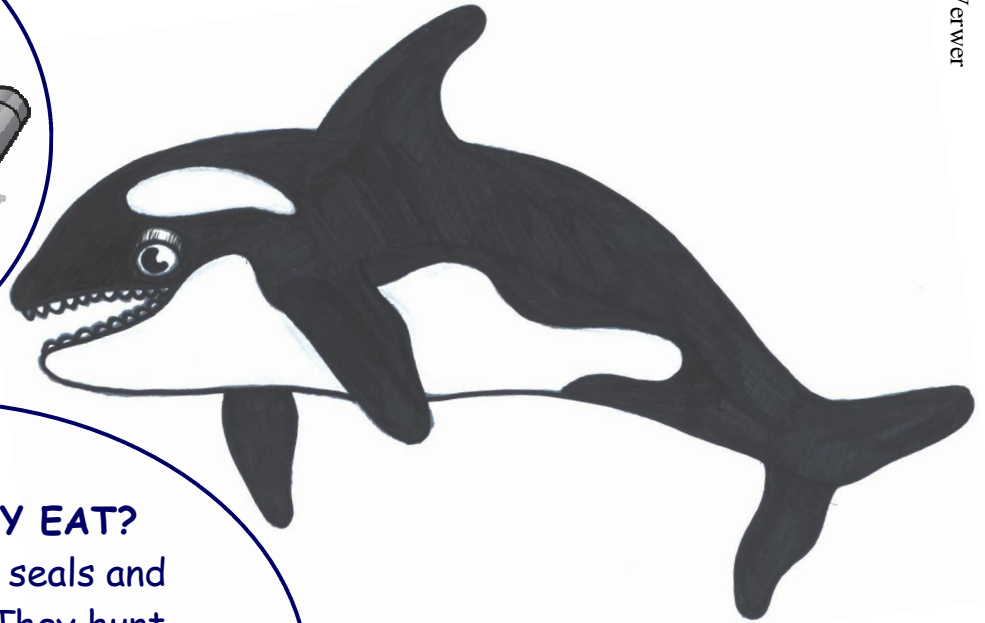
KILLER WHALE

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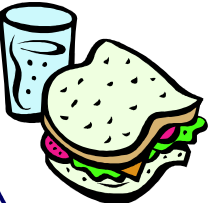


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? Near the coast all around the UK.

WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Best time is between April and September.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Fish, squid, seals and porpoises. They hunt seals and porpoises in silence so they don't hear them coming. They DON'T eat humans.



SIZE Grown-ups can be 6 to 9 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
The back (dorsal) fin of a male killer whale can be 2 metres tall. They can live for 90 years.



DANGER!
Pollution

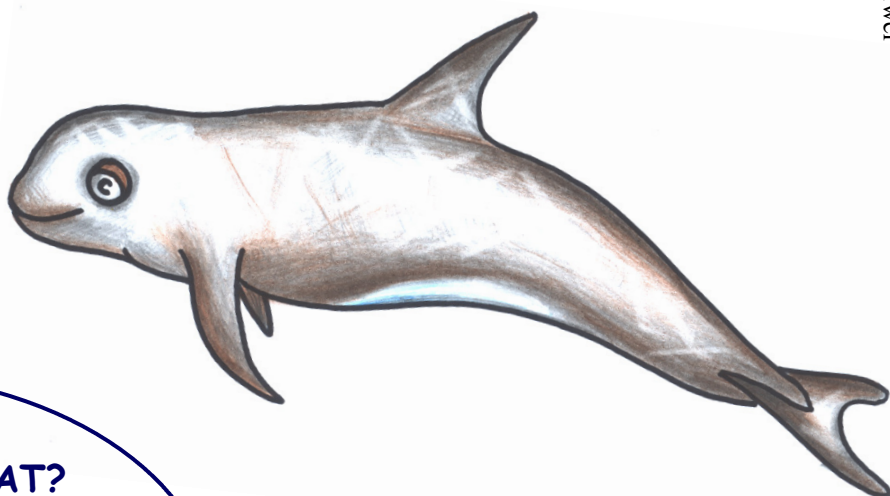


RISSEO'S DOLPHIN

Risso's dolphin cartoon ©Jaqueline Verwer



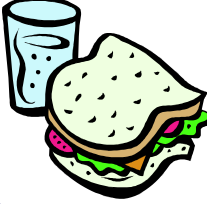
WHERE DO THEY LIVE? They sometimes come to the coast, but they catch food in deep water.



WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Best times are between June and September.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Their favourite food is squid. They also eat octopus, cuttlefish and some fish.



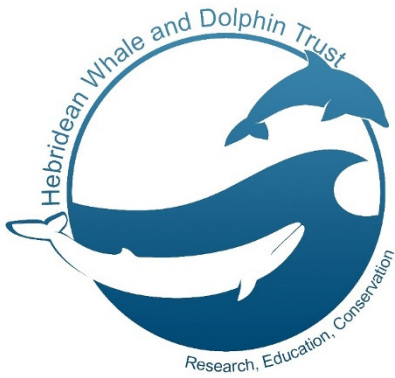
SIZE Grown-ups are 3 to 4 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
Adult Risso's dolphins are covered in scratches. Their skin turns very light as they get older.



DANGER!
Accidentally getting caught in fishing nets



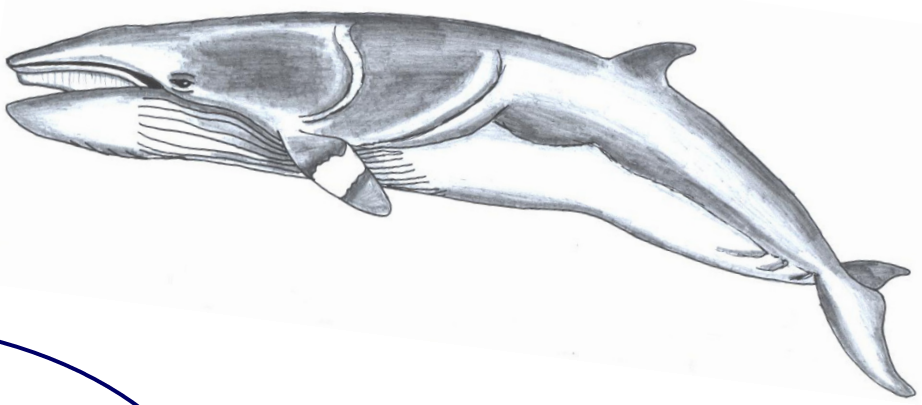
MINKE WHALE

Minke whale cartoon ©Jaqueline Verwer

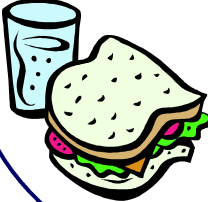


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? Most of the UK's minke whales live in the Hebrides.

WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Between April and November.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Small fish. They lunge at shoals of fish and filter them from the water through baleen plates.



SIZE Grown-ups can be 8 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
They are known as stinky minkes because their fishy breath smells really bad!



DANGER!
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Pollution



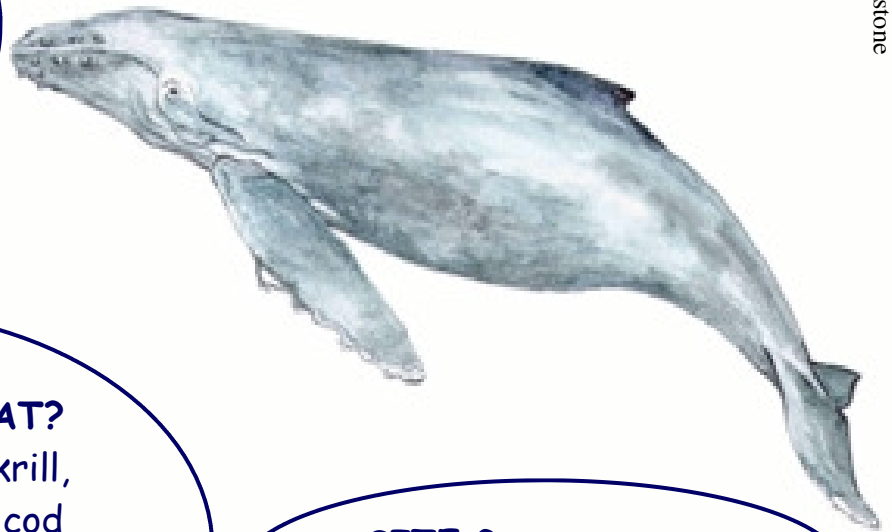
HUMPBACK WHALE

WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?

At all times of year, but they are not common.

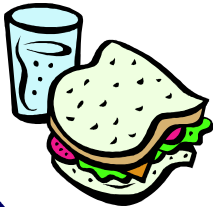


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? In coastal and deeper waters on the west coast of the UK.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?

They filter krill, herring and cod from sea water using their baleen plates..



SIZE Grown-ups can be 17 metres long.

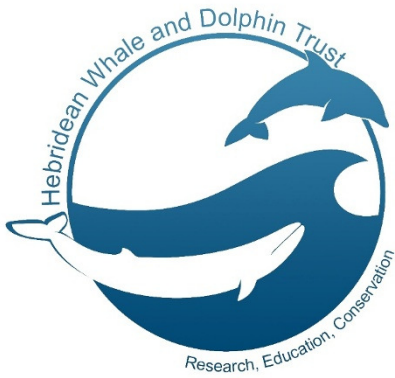
DANGER!

Getting tangled in fishing gear
Pollution



FASCINATING FACT

Male humpback whales sing songs to attract females and compete with rival males during the breeding season.



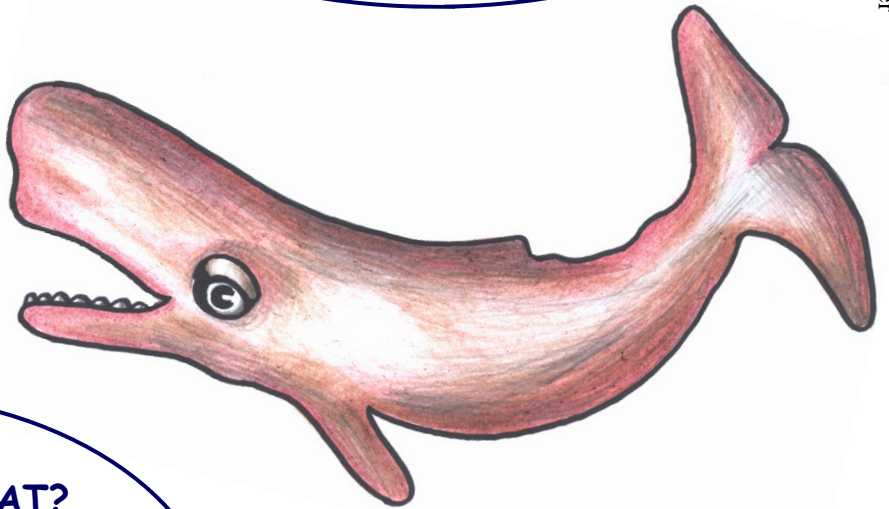
SPERM WHALE

Sperm whale cartoon ©Jaqueline Verwer

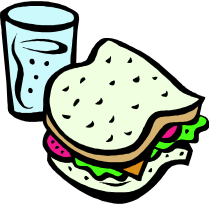


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? In very deep parts of the sea off the west coast of Scotland.


WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
Anytime of year, but only in deep waters.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Their favourite food is squid. They also eat octopus, cuttlefish and some fish.



SIZE Grown-ups can be 18 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
Sperm whales can hold their breath for over two hours and dive to 2500 metres to catch giant squid.



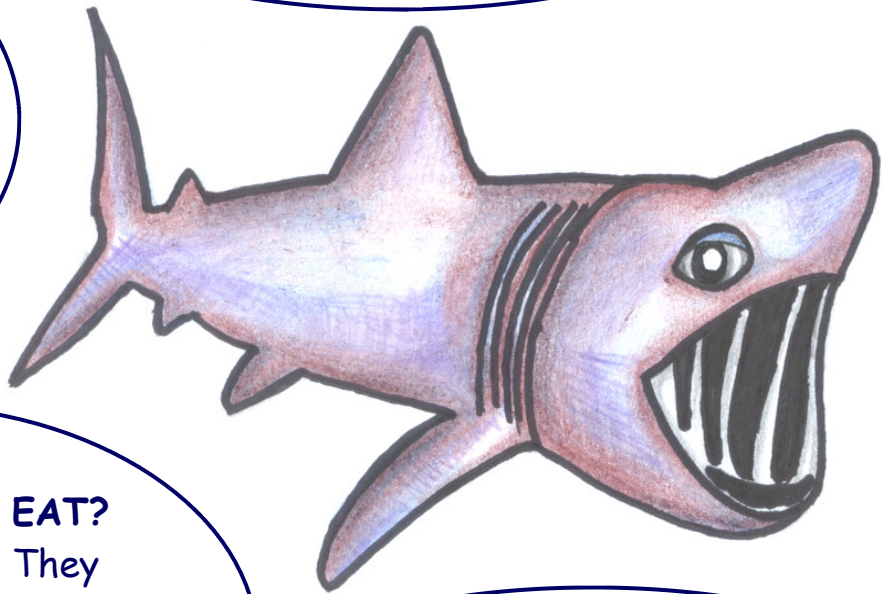
DANGER!
Pollution
Noise

BASKING SHARK

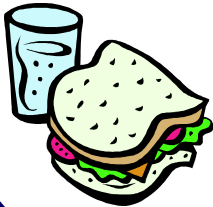


WHERE DO THEY LIVE?
Near the coast in south west
England and north west
Scotland.

**WHEN CAN
I SEE
THEM?**
From May to
September.



WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Plankton. They
swim with their
mouths wide open
and scoop up the
tiny animal prey.



SIZE Grown-ups can
be 10 metres long.



FASCINATING FACT
Basking sharks can
filter the equivalent of
a 50m Olympic-sized
swimming pool in sea water
each hour to sieve out food.

DANGER!

Accidentally getting
caught in fishing gear
Pollution



GREY SEAL

Grey seal illustration ©ClipArt



WHERE DO THEY LIVE? All around the UK coastline. Look for them hauled out on rocks

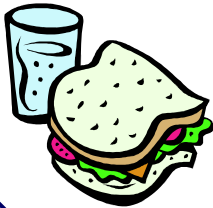
WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?

At any time of year; pups in November..



WHAT DO THEY EAT?

Lots of different types of fish and some crustaceans.



SIZE Grown-ups are about 2.6 metres long.

FASCINATING FACT

Grey seal pups are born with a fluffy white coat to keep them warm. They can't go into the water until they have their waterproof adult coat.



DANGER!

Illegal hunting
Disease
Pollution

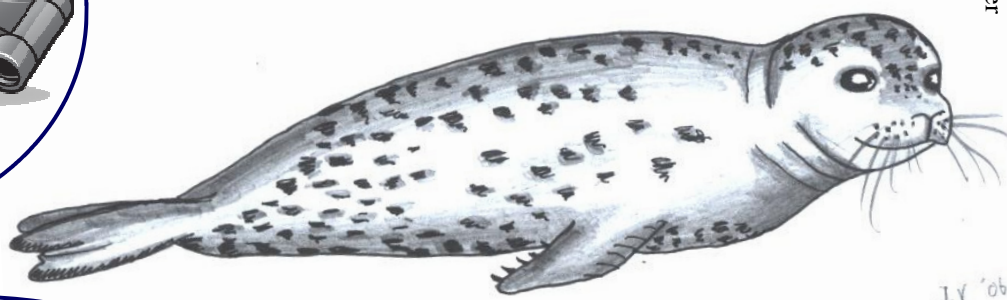


COMMON SEAL

WHEN CAN I SEE THEM?
At any time of year; pups in summer.

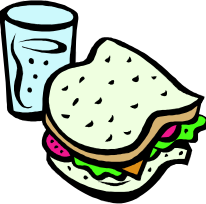


WHERE DO THEY LIVE? All around the UK coastline. Look for them hauled out on rocks



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WHAT DO THEY EAT?
Lots of different types of fish, octopus and squid.



SIZE Grown-ups are about 1.7 metres long.

FASCINATING FACT
Common seal pups can swim in the sea just hours after being born, but are sometimes seen riding on their mothers' backs.



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Illegal hunting
Disease
Pollution



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