

What would happen if a whale swam near a giant squid? They are both carnivores, or meat eaters. What if they had a fight? Who do you think would win?



SCIENTIFIC NAME OF SPERM WHALE: "Physeter macrocephalus"

Meet the sperm whale.

BIG FACT

The blue whale is the largest animal on Earth.

COLORFUL FACT

Whales have red blood.

RUNNER-UP FACT

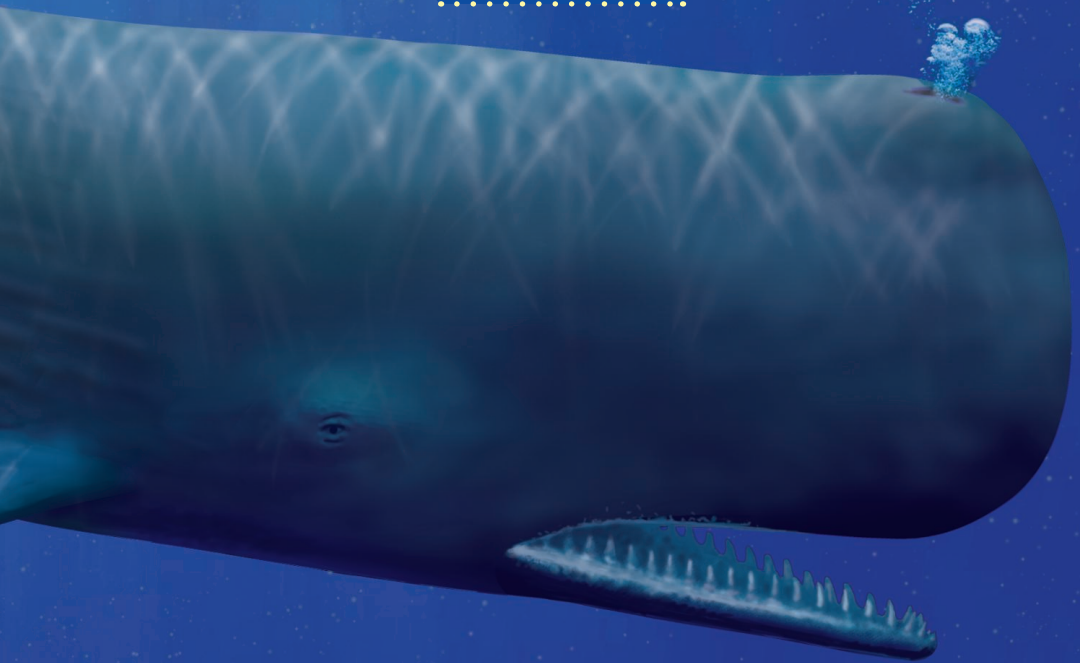
The sperm whale can grow to be 60 feet long and weigh 50 tons.

It is one of the world's largest whales. All of the biggest whales are baleen whales, which means they have no teeth. The sperm whale is unusual. It is a big whale that has teeth, but only on its bottom jaw.

This whale looks like a big head with a tail. Its scientific name means “blower with a big head.” It is the largest of all toothed whales. The sperm whale has the largest head of any animal that has ever lived on Earth.

DID YOU KNOW?
The sperm whale has a blowhole at the front of its head.

LONG FACT
Its head can be 20 feet long.



SCIENTIFIC NAME OF GIANT SQUID: "Architeuthis dux"

Meet the giant squid.

FACT

Squid, octopuses, nautiluses, and cuttlefish are cephalopods.

BONUS FACT

On restaurant menus, squid is often listed by its Italian name, "calamari."

A giant squid is a mollusk. A squid belongs to a group of mollusks called cephalopods. *Cephalopod* means "head foot." A squid looks like a head attached to legs. It has eight legs and two extra feeder arms. The legs have suction cups. The feeder arms have hooks and suction cups on the ends that act like hands.