

Orcas



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Orcas, also called "killer whales", live in our oceans.

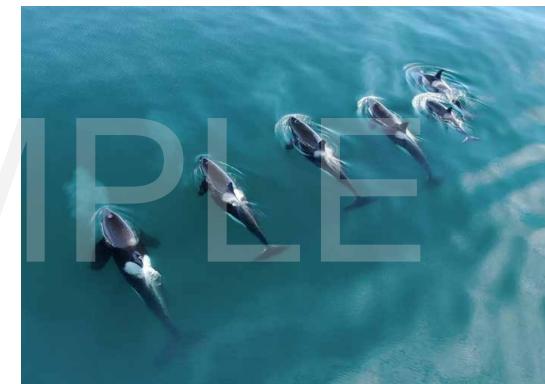


These mammals can be found in all oceans, but are most often spotted in cold water, close to coasts.

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A pack of orcas is called a pod. Orcas make a number of sounds, such as clicks or pops. These loud sounds can help an orca locate or stay close to its pod.





Pods are often found hunting as a team. One method they use is to herd fish into a tight space. An orca will then strike the fish with its tail to stun them.

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An orca baby is called a calf.
A calf will join its mom's pod once it's born. Orcas are loyal.
Adults in the pod will stay around the calf, and protect it if needed.



After about ten weeks, a calf's teeth will come in. These teeth are sharp, and ideal for grasping and ripping food.

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Orcas can swim deep under the water, but they must come up for air. Many orcas enjoy jumping out of the water, which is called "breaching".





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