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Kit's Ocean Mystery

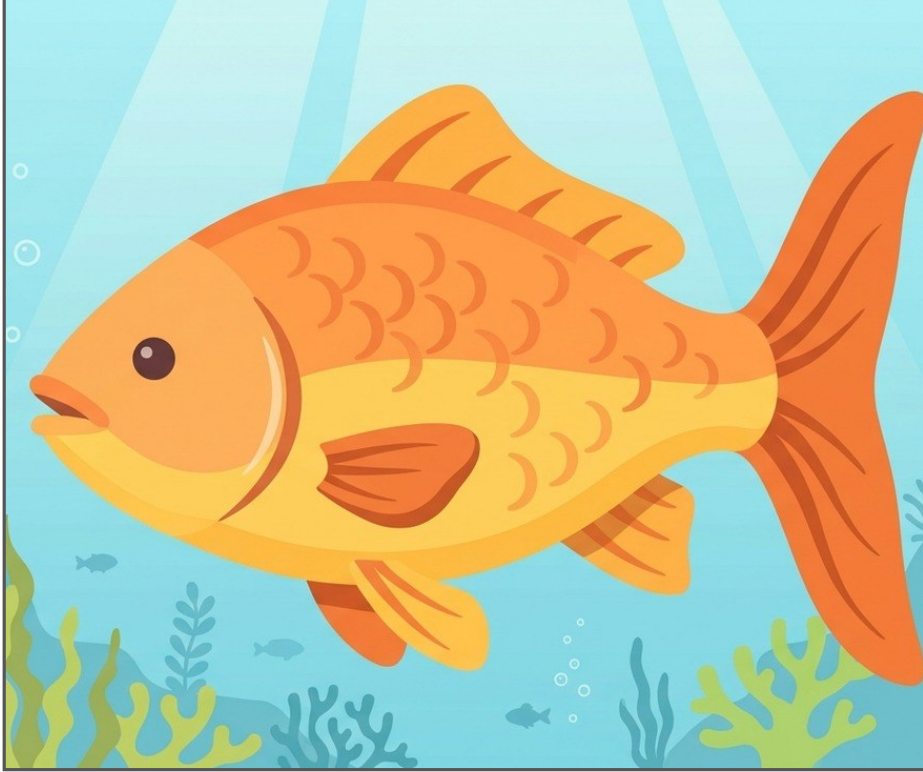


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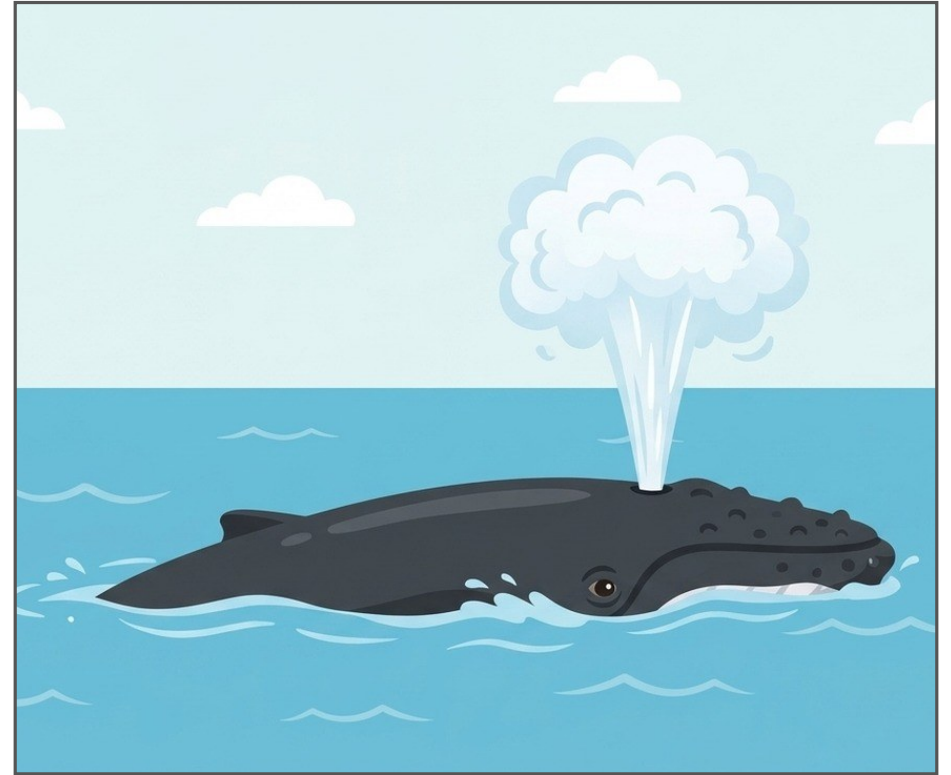
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Kit the fox is fishing in his boat when a giant spray soaks him. Then a huge tail rises out of the sea. It's a whale! It swims and it lives in the ocean. Is a whale a fish?



A fish breathes underwater with its gills. Water goes in its mouth and out through its gills, so it can stay underwater all the time.



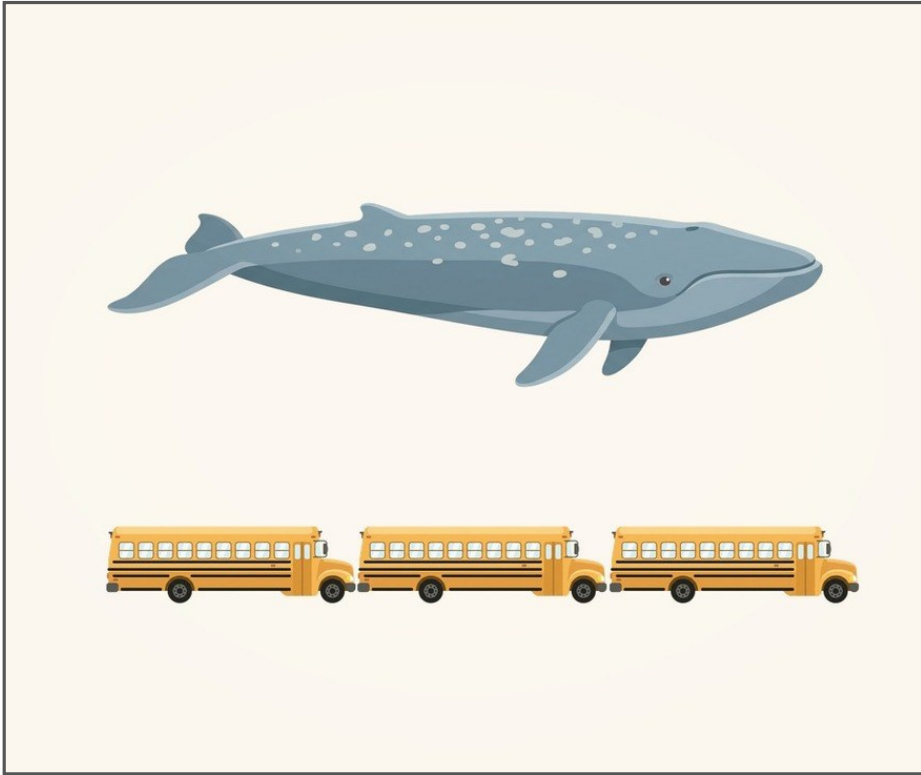
A whale swims up to the top of the water to breathe air. It breathes through blowholes on top of its head. The big spray was the whale breathing out!



Most fish have a tail that stands up tall and swishes side to side. A whale's tail lies flat, and it goes up and down.



Most fish lay lots of tiny eggs. But a baby whale, called a calf, drinks milk from its mother. Animals that breathe air and feed their babies milk are called mammals.



So a whale is not a fish. It is a mammal, just like you! The blue whale is the biggest animal that ever lived. It is almost as long as three school buses.

Talk About It

- 1 How is the way a whale breathes different from the way a fish breathes?

- 2 How do a fish's tail and a whale's tail move?

- 3 Why is a whale a mammal and not a fish?

Words to Know

whale • gills • blowhole
calf • mammal • ocean

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